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communist-fronts than Christ, they are being referred to as "Red Dean," "Red Bishop," "Red Council of Churches," and worse yet, "the Red Bible," i.e. the R. S. V. B.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

It appears that the more heretical a church group becomes, the more it repudiates the gospel of the shed blood of Christ, the more inclined it is toward the ruinous, damning doctrines of Karl Marx and the Communist horde. They have a great deal in common and naturally gravitate toward each other. Such is the ruinous end result of modernism, Barthianism and the social gospel.

According to the recent findings of the Circuit Riders the Unitarians have the worst record of all churches, and, the Southern Baptists and Missouri Synod Lutherans the lowest. The Southern Baptist Church however is being infiltrated through Dr. Louis Newton, Dr. Dahlberg, Louisville Seminary, etc. The Missouri Synod Lutherans have a large group which leans toward the R. S. V. B., while some others do not, and in matters of radio and chaplains they are working more and more in connection with the National Council. We are sorry to see this trend on the part of the Missouri Synod.

The official count of active Unitarians is 40% of its ministers involved in communist-fronts, and including pastors who are retired or out of the active ministry, the figure is "approximately 59% the highest rate of infiltration" in any church group.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Congregationalists have their troubles too, plenty of them. There is a life and death struggle going on in that denomination to determine whether Congregational principles shall long endure. A faithful element is putting up a heroic battle against entrenched leaders who have been seizing power, speaking in the names of the churches without permission, and involving them in no end of embarrassing situations. They are also greatly disturbed by communist infiltration.

"The Committee Opposing Congregational Political Action," is circulating a booklet entitled, "They're Using Our Church." They in particular expose the denomination's "Council for Social Action." They have discovered that this Council is being supported "with missionary funds," that it "stands for things most Congregationalists don't believe in, and does things most Congregationalists would strongly disapprove."

Among many things that they charge the "Council" with doing is, "To Play Politics," attempting to change our system of government, attacking our free economy, advancing Marxian ideals, advocating "government interference," lobbying for socialism, opposing Congressional investigations and with wanting to

abolish "the Congressional Committee which cornered Alger Hiss and a number of others." They deplore the fact that "a number of persons prominent in the Council for Social Action were active in Communist-fronts set up to overthrow our form of government." -- "Many contributors to C. S. A's magazine were prominent in these same fronts." -- "One such C. S. A. Director was involved with 9 such organizations." -- "A former C. S. A. employee subscribed to 20 of them." -- "One of its present staff members has been connected with 22 communist-fronts, and has received special attention as a "fellow-traveler."

They continue, "We are all responsible, in a way; for in allowing C. S. A. to continue this program, we indicate our approval. We've been giving them our money. They've been using our name. We must stop this unwitting endorsement."

Well said! So must the Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, etc. "stop" their endorsement of Marxists and Marxist schemes in their own denominations. Perhaps their missionary contributions are being used to support something equally as bad. What is your denomination doing with your money? You had better find out. When you do many of you are going to be shocked and disappointed no end. In some denominations many thousands of dollars have been poured into social gospel, pro-Red projects. It is the Lord's money but you are responsible to see that it goes for something that would meet with the Lord's approval and also yours. Is it being used to support the cause of Christ, or, the devilish cause of Marxian Communism or, the modernistic denial of the faith. Is it supporting Christ or Anti-Christ?

THE PRESBYTERIANS

Aroused Presbyterians (now United Presbyterians) greatly incensed and troubled over the number of Presbyterian clergymen active in communist-fronts, and the failure of the General Assembly to take action to discipline such men, have been distributing an expose entitled:-

"A Compilation of Public Records

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Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Clergymen."

It was released in March 1958. It can be obtained from the Publishing Committee, P. O. Box 1023, Cincinnati 1, Ohio. It is a large 8 x 11 inch sized 89 page affair, fully documented with names, fronts, dates, sources, etc.

Once again we can't possibly mention all whose names are found therein. But we do mention a few prominent Presbyterian clergymen so that you may get some inkling as to the extent in which Presbyterians have been involved in such things as Communist-fronts, in buying bullets for Communists fighting abroad, in defending known communist agents, spies, and traitors who

gave our military secrets to Russia, and in defending the Communist Party. The number after their names indicates the number of times they were cited. They are:- Rev. Paul Johnson Allured 33, Dr. Wm. T. Baird 34, Dr. Geo. A. Buttrick 4, Dr. J. Henry Carpenter 16, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert 4, Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin 24, (more will be said about Dr. Coffin below), Dr. Edler G. Hawkins 19, Dr. Wm. Lloyd Imes 29, Rev. John Paul Jones 60, Dr. John Alexander Mackay 26. (more will be said about him below), Rev. Richard Morford 32, Rev. A. J. Muste 11, Dr. Robert Hastings Nichols 24, Rev. John Oliver Nelson 8, Rev. Einar Oftedahl 7, Rev. Harvard L. Parsons 6, Rev. James H. Robinson 34, Dr. Robert W. Searle 11, Rev. H. Norman Sibley 8, Rev. John B. Thompson 64, Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen 4, Rev. Claude C. Williams 40, Dr. Charles F. Wishart 5, etc.

Concerning Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, the "Compilation" has a full page account of his activities. It reads:-

"As President of Union Theological Seminary, Henry Sloan Coffin exerted immeasurable influence over a generation of Protestant clergymen.

Dr. Coffin was also a distinguished pastor of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

In the tabulation which follows, it is shown that public records reveal Dr. Coffin to have had at least 24 affiliations with communist enterprises.

Twelve of his affiliations were with organizations which have been cited as Communist and subversive by the Attorney General of the United States.

Slightly more than 6 per cent of all the clergymen of all the Protestant denominations in the United States who have been affiliated in one way or another with the communist enterprises have been members of the faculty and student body of Union Theological Seminary. This percentage is based upon the latest available *Alumni Catalogue* which extends only through the year 1947. If a catalogue of faculty and students extending down to the present were available, it is certain that this percentage would be considerably higher. It is also noteworthy that Union is only one of the 177 Protestant Theological seminaries listed in the *Yearbook of American Churches*.

It is quite apparent that a considerable pro-Communist infiltration occurred at Union during the administration of Henry Sloan Coffin who retired in 1945 to be succeeded by Henry P. Van Dusen."

Concerning Dr. John A. Mackay, former Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, Chairman International Missionary Council, Member Central Committee World Council of Churches, past

the indefatigable "Coordinator" of Circuit Riders is constantly digging up new revelations concerning the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian (colored) Methodist Episcopal Church, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Southern Baptist Convention, the Unitarians, etc.

However, one denomination that has been very heavily infiltrated is the Protestant Episcopal Church. We were happy to learn that concerned Episcopalians have undertaken to do something about it.

"A Compilation of Public Records, 20.5 Per Cent."

Therein they cite 1,411 Protestant Episcopal Clergymen, whom they mention by name, and give their communist-front activities. It is a 200 page affair. The Publishing Committee consists, we read, of such well known men as Archibald Roosevelt, Harold Blacker, W. F. Peterson, John M. Richardson, and Mr. M. G. Lowman, Coordinator. It can be obtained from the Publishing Committee, P. O. Box 1923, Cincinnati 1, Ohio.

Mr. Lowman told us personally that their investigations proved that the Episcopalian Bishops were more involved percentage wise than the Methodist Bishops whose record is plenty bad.

Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, former President of the Federal Council of Churches, whom John T. Flynn terms "a scholar and churchman of the highest order, with no radical taint whatever" was, however cited in the 1944 House Committee on Un-American Activities 4 times because of communist-front connections. However, in the "Compilation" on page 194 Bishop Tucker is cited as having 12 communist-front affiliations.

But, Bishop Ed. L. Parsons of California, "the Red Dean of the Pacific Coast" was involved in so many pro-communist activities, cited 110 times, that it required 8½ pages in the "Compilation" to deal with them. W. Russell Bowie, one of the translators of the R. S. V. B. required 3 pages for his 32 citations. Dr. Joseph Fletcher, of their Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., who is "most seriously involved," required 6½ pages to deal with his 82 pro-communist activities. Yet when Episcopalian clergymen of Cincinnati protested his coming to address first the Episcopalian lawyers of the area, and then the college students, Bishop Blanchard of Cincinnati wouldn't "accept criticism" against his "personal friend" whom he "admired" so greatly, so the objectors were overruled. William Howard Melish was cited therein 110 times, Guy Emory Shipler 85 times, Charles Breck Ackley 34, Walter Mitchell 80, Arthur W. Moulton 91, William B. Spofford Sr. 69, Eliot White 52, and Henry Knox Sherrill 9 times. If these men and others of their kind were only as faithful in serving the Lord, in preaching the gospel, in defending America, how different the story would be. But because they are more faithful in serving the cause of

In 1946, his name appeared on the letterhead of the *National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism*. Various Jewish groups warned that the organization in reality was a Communist front.

Later, when Yugoslavia was still a satellite of the Soviet Union, a group of American clergymen was invited to that country with all expenses paid by Tito's government. At least five of the seven who went were known as veteran collaborators of the Communists in the United States. They were *Claude Williams, William Howard Melish, Guy Emery Shipler, Emery Bucke, and Phillips Packer Elliott*. Williams and Melish had been identified as members of the Communist Party.

The report these men brought back from Yugoslavia was printed and distributed by a group of Protestant clergymen which included Mr. Dahlberg.

In 1951 he was an initiating sponsor of the *National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act* - the Internal Security Act of 1950. In 1952 the *Daily Worker* listed him as a signer of another petition to the same end. In 1953 he was listed as signing another similar petition, addressed to President Eisenhower.

THE MOST ACTIVE Communist front organization at the present time is known as "*The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell*" - now serving a 30-year prison term in Alcatraz for his part in the Rosenberg espionage case. The organization's publication of August, 1957, lists Dahlberg as a signer of a petition in Sobell's behalf."

In a more recent revelation, made on page #17 of "*Recognize Red China*", Dr. Dahlberg is cited as being affiliated with 21 "organizations or enterprises which promoted the Communist line." In a nation wide Washington release, dated March 1, 1960, as reported by James McCartney of the *Chicago Daily News*, Dr. Dahlberg told the nation that "fundamentalists" who were in "disrepute" were responsible for the charges that Communism had infiltrated churches in the framework of the National Council of Churches which we have shown is not true. The charges originated with responsible men in government. If anybody is in disrepute it is Dr. Dahlberg and his many associates in the National Council of Churches who have aided the Communist cause, in various instances as members of scores of Communist-fronts, members of the Communist Party and as Communist agents working against our government, our way of life and the Christian faith. If the Reds in the National Council of Churches are being classified by many along with Benedict Arnold they have themselves to blame. They can't in any wise put the blame on "fundamentalists" who wouldn't tolerate a known Red in their camp.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hardly a major denomination, perhaps if we knew all the facts none, has escaped Communist infiltration. Mr. M. G. Lowman

Moderator General Assembly Presbyterian Church, etc., we would like to add a word of our own. Dr. Mackay may not be an actual member of the Communist Party, but he has knowingly rendered them invaluable service repeatedly down through the years.

When we were in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1949 we were asked if we would confront Dr. Mackay with his pro-Communist-front record and we readily consented to do so. He was there in the interest of the World Council of Churches and its Latin American branch. Their meetings were held behind locked doors but we had ways of finding out what transpired. We were informed that the night before we confronted him, that Dr. Mackay had for some unknown reason, as far as some of his listeners were concerned, but not us, and surely not his fellow-travelers, made a public admission that back in the years he had become *innocently involved in one communist-front*. When we confronted him we were ready to prove that that was not so. We had with us the Index Volume, House Committee on Un-American Activities Report for 1944 which we used to refute his admission and according to which he was a member of 4 communist-fronts, one of which had been involved in raising millions of dollars to buy bullets and other war supplies for the Communists fighting in Spain, a very strange interest for a clergyman who also headed up the International Missionary Conference. This was very strange missionary activity. We refer to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, which was aided by other interlocking fronts such as The American Friends for Spanish Democracy, etc. With considerable heat and feeling he declared that he had never joined anything or said anything for which he was sorry, a statement he has repeated since in the press. So, Dr. Mackay knows that he belonged to dangerous Communist-fronts, which helped buy war supplies for communists fighting in Spain during which war many thousands perished, and he isn't sorry.

Since that meeting with him in Buenos Aires it has been revealed by his own fellow Presbyterians that he has had "affiliations" with 26 "*pro-Communist enterprises*." Twelve of these Communist-fronts he joined after we confronted him with his record in Buenos Aires. The Circuit Riders charge him with 48 on p. 17 of their "*Recognize Red China*", Feb. 1959 and Bishop Oxnam with only 45. So it can hardly be said that he is an innocent dupe. He knew what he was doing.

Surely he knew what he was doing in the 1950's when he, Oxnam, and others attacked the House Committee on Un-American Activities seeking to publicly discredit it and have it abolished. But thank God they didn't succeed. The House Committee had been revealing too much for their comfort of mind and ease of operations. He like his Commie friends, branded the House Committee's investigations as "inquisitions" and "a threat to freedom of thought, speech, and conscience." He has said and done many

things which aided Communist conquests in Spain, China and Korea, but never once have we known him to condemn the Communists for their frightful devilish atrocities to scores of our servicemen they fiendishly tortured in Korea. Dr. Mackay has attacked those who like the House Committee and F. B. I. would alert us to the Communist menace. He has even declared that *"anti-Communism is more dangerous than Communism."* He hailed the Chinese Reds who slaughtered many thousands of Christians, as, "liberators." Right now he and his fellow-traveler associates in the National and World Council of Churches are loudly insisting that the Chinese Reds be recognized.

We can't help but wonder how some of the original United Presbyterians feel, who were taken in on the merger of the old United Presbyterian and Presbyterian Church U. S. A., to be in a denomination now which has such men as leaders. Those who opposed the merger down to the very end and who refused to compromise or accept bribes in the form of prominent position if they would go along with the merger as some professing fundamentalists did, must be very very sick at heart. What is the future of the United Presbyterian Church going to be with so many Barthians and other heretical and "614" pro-Communist leaders? We wonder how Presbyterian boys who saw the sickening sights of communist atrocities afflicted on American prisoners in Korea feel to know that leaders in their own denomination and in the National Council of Churches aided and abetted the Communist cause? How can they accept such leadership since they have returned home?

No doubt we will be charged with playing up but one side in these charges, namely the Protestant. But that is our primary concern, for we are Protestants. We are aware that quite a few Jewish Rabbis have been cited because of Communist front membership, and some 48 Catholic Priests have been alluded to by J. B. Matthews. And we are thoroughly aware of the activities and pro-Red propaganda of the Catholic Worker magazine and those associated with it. But we are leaving the investigation of the bodies just mentioned in the hands of such men as the courageous American martyr Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, "the Rabbi the Reds hate the most," and such great public servants as John T. Flynn and J. B. Matthews both of whom have rendered magnificent service.

CONCERNING RED CLERGYMEN FROM RUSSIA AND SATELLITE COUNTRIES

One last thing that we must not overlook concerning pro-Red preachers in America is their close cooperation with Communist controlled preachers and Soviet Agents behind the Iron Curtain. The horrible situation behind the Iron Curtain is exposed by the Committee on Judiciary, of the U. S. Senate, James

tional Council of Churches were members of communist-fronts. No wonder so many pronouncements and activities of the National Council of Churches have been pro-communist and pacifistic. That body also has been crawling with members of dangerous, un-American, subversive communist-fronts. In view of this fact how can clergymen, and churches, which claim to be sound, remain in such an organization? How can Billy Graham conduct cooperative evangelistic campaigns with such unbelievers, have them on his committees, use them to lead in prayer, and condemn fundamentalists who expose their dual treason against God and Country?

The Methodist Challenge

is another very worthy Methodist publication which we simply must mention. Its able and gifted fundamentalist editor, Dr. Bob Shuler, has for many years been carrying on a campaign to defend the true faith and America and to expose the enemies of both. No one deplores the down-hill trend in the Methodist Church more than he does.

In his June 1958 number he exposes the President of the National Council of Churches to which his denomination belongs, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, a Southern Baptist.

Dr. Shuler tells us that, "In a recent address before the World Baptist Congress, Dr. Dahlberg said that the time has come to eliminate such expressions as 'the precious name of Jesus,' 'coming under the Blood,' 'Saved by Grace,' 'born of the Spirit,' and 'His Coming again,' since they no longer had any meaning and did not register in the minds of the ordinary listeners." No professed Christian who is sound in the faith would say such a thing. This is the language of heresy, and unbelief. Dr. Shuler then proceeds to cite Dr. Dahlberg's communist-front connections which were seven.

Fulton Lewis, Jr. in his Washington Report for Dec. 19, 1957 which was carried in many papers described these communist-fronts Dr. Dahlberg belonged to as follows:

"As early as 1942, he was affiliated with the 'Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder,' an organization cited on the Attorney General's list as 'Communist and subversive.'"

Browder, at the time, was General Secretary of the Communist Party and was serving a prison sentence for perjury in connection with his possession of a false passport. And Communism is admittedly the death enemy of the very God with whose stars the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg does his communing.

A YEAR LATER, the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg joined a group of Communist frontiers in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt, protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist.

infiltrated to be moved to publicly expose this shameful situation in their church.

Under date of July 1957, the Circuit Riders released an exposure entitled "Fifty Years of Un-Methodist Propaganda" which had to do with the Marxist activities of the *Methodist Federation For Social Action*. Secretaries of the M. F. S. A. Winifred Chappell and Dr. Harry F. Ward were cited as "known communists." Jack McMichael, its Executive Secretary was cited as having "followed the Communist Party line undeviatingly." Willard Uphaus, Field Secretary, was cited as being affiliated with 27 "Communist enterprises." "The incumbent president of the MFSA," the Rev. Loyd F. Worley is cited for having "been affiliated with 18 "Communist organizations and enterprises."

In an earlier publication dated March 29, 1956, they also cited the following additional "members and supporters" of the MFSA:- Hiel D. Bollinger 9, Paul W. Caton 10, Mark A. Chamberlin 22, Don M. Chase 13, Geo. A. Coe 26, A. A. Heist 8, Chester E. Hodgson 47, Halford E. Luccock 17, F. W. McConnell 9, Edward D. McGowan 32, Georgia Harkness 19, Walter G. Muelder 13, J. Pierce Newell 7, Harris Franklin Rall 5, Alson J. Smith 14, Dillon Wesley Throckmorton 13, Frank Morey Toothaker 6, etc.

We no doubt will be criticized for not giving the name, the appalling announced purpose and actual pro-communist program and activities of all these fronts to which these men and all the others mentioned above belonged, but that would fill several books, the cost of which would be prohibitive and it would be too boring for the lay public to read. We would suggest that interested persons write the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Circuit Riders, or the American Council of Christian Laymen, and get this infirmation from them. The last mentioned group is located at 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wis. They have an excellent documented folder, entitled "How Red Is the National Council of Churches." But one thing is, obvious and that is the MFSA was simply crawling with members of notorious, subversive communist-fronts who were in control.

Under date of February 1959 the Circuit Riders released, "Recognize Red China" which was "an expose of the National Council of Churches World Order Study Conference; Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 18-21, 1958. This is another frightful revelation of pro-communist activities at the Conference which resulted in the adoption of a resolution recognizing the ruthless communist butchers of Red China who had slaughtered so many of our men in Korea. We urge all readers of our pamphlet to procure this release and read the frightful pro-communist activities of the men involved who were willing to sell free America down the river.

In their "Preface" to this "expose" they declare that over the past 20 years 719 officers, delegates, etc. of the Federal and Na-

O. Eastland, Chairman, in its December 31, 1957 Report entitled, "Communist-Controlled Churches In Iron Curtain Countries As Tools of Subversion." This shocking Report reveals that churches there are infiltrated by Communist agents who have at the orders of the Party been trained in theology, that these churches are controlled by the Secret Police, and under absolute domination of Maj. Gen. Georgi Gregorinch Karpov, a permanent career officer of the dreaded Secret Police whose appointment was at Stalin's suggestion. This Report also states, "In view of the international ties maintained by religious denominations, Communist influence has thus been enabled to penetrate to the United States." Surely this is not the kind of clergymen we want visiting America.

The following documentation is the English translation of an excerpt taken from the "Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate", No. 12, December 1951, Second Session of the World Council for Peace. This documentation was filed with the U. S. Supreme Court and the Senate's Internal Security Committee. The translation reads as follows:

"Everyone knows that the kindlers of war in Washington and London and their satellites do not cease the insane preparations for a new world war for a day. Almost every week the American Senate designates supplemental funds for armament, for putting together of an aggressive army. American aggressors continue to wage a war of extermination in Korea. They build military bases around the Soviet Union and the countries of the peoples democracy."

"Not for one day, in the countries of capital, does war propaganda stop. War hysteria in the U. S. A. has reached its apogee, there everything is directed to the service of war."

"The ideas of hatred of humanity are inoculated in children and young people on a broad scale in the U. S. A. And here is what an education by cannibals leads to: "At one of my lessons on social science - tells one of the progressively inclined teachers of the U. S. A. - a pupil asked: 'Why did we not drop an atomic bomb immediately on the Soviet Union?' Before I had time to answer anything another added: 'But the Russians - they are not people.'"

"It is thus that the American kindlers of war try to raise murderers from their tender years. Thus the enemies of peace desire to corrupt the minds of people and force them to be submissive participants in unheard-of evil deeds against humanity."

by Metropolitan Nicolai

Metropolitan Nicolai is the Chairman of the delegation of Red Preachers, and second top ranking clergyman in Moscow. He is also founder and leader of the Communist World Peace Council. He is the father of the Stockholm Peace Petition cited as "Communist" by our Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. These Red Clergymen were invited to America and given a royal reception by the National Council of Churches.

In other words the Red clergymen who visit this country from Iron Curtain countries as the guest of the National Council of Churches, the Southern Baptist Convention, etc. are actually Soviet Agents bent on a work of propaganda and subversion. Bishop Peter of Hungary, Metropolitan Nicolai, Andreyre, Zhidkov, Karev, Renko, Bishop Joan Klivit, and others have all been cited as agents of the Soviet Secret Police. These Soviet Agents are on the closest possible terms with Red-front leaders in the National Council of Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and visit back and forth from America to Iron Curtain countries and vice versa. Some of the National Council leaders who have been involved in this relationship are *Dr. Franklin Clark Fry*, President United Lutheran Church, *Dr. Eugene Carson Blake*, past President National Council of Churches, *Bishop D. Ward Nichols*, African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Paul B. Anderson*, Y. M. C. A., *Dr. Roswell P. Barnes*, National Council of Churches, *Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill*, Protestant Episcopal Church, *Dr. Herbert Gezork*, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and *Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk*, National Council of Churches, etc.

One witness testified before the Senates Committee on Judiciary as follows:-

"The official church in the Soviet Union is being used by the Reds to advance the cause of world revolution. Therefore she establishes contacts, arranges exhibitional tours of agents in clerical robes to the free world, spreads purposely false information, creates the desire for co-operation even with the strongest enemies of the church. The exchange visits have seriously undermined the hope that the Christians of the West would help Christians in Russia."

A more diabolical plot, that of training Communist agents and members of the dreaded Secret Police, so that they Satan's wolves in sheep's clothing, can occupy pulpits dedicated to the service of Christ, and from there spread subversion throughout the world, can hardly be conceived, unless, it is the diabolical way in which pro-Red preachers have been used in this country. There is a master mind, a cunning, scheming, diabolical supernatural intelligence, behind Soviet conquest which explains its power and success, and it is devilish and Satanic, preparing the world stage for the abominable creature Scripture repeatedly refers to as the Anti Christ, the Beast, the Man of Sin, whom Christ will destroy at His coming.

1948 five pages, 1949 one page; Kirby Page 1948 one page; Bishop Edward L. Parsons 1947 four pages, 1948 eighteen pages; Rev. Guy Emery Shipler 1948 two pages, 1949 nineteen pages; Rev. Ralph W. Sockman 1948 one page; Rev. William B. Spofford 1948 two pages, 1949 two pages; Dr. Worth M. Tippy 1949 one page; Channing H. Tobias 1948 five pages; Dr. Harry F. Ward 1948 twenty nine pages, 1949 thirty five pages, 1953 one page; and other lesser fry.

IV

EXPOSURES MADE WITHIN THE DENOMINATIONS

There are many true Americans and true Christians within the National Council of Churches who have become greatly alarmed over the extent of Communist infiltration, social gospel preaching, and denial of the historic Christian faith within their own church groups. Some are doing something about this deplorable state of affairs, and since their leaders have failed to do anything, they have taken it upon themselves to expose the pro-Communists within their own denomination and Council of Churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Circuit Riders, Inc.

There is a very valiant nation-wide group of objectors laboring within the Methodist Church known as the Circuit Riders, Inc. whose address is 18 East 4th Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Copies of their excellent publications that we shall mention can be obtained by writing them direct. They have in some cases revealed a much worse state of affairs than was exposed in the Congressional hearings mentioned above.

Their "A Compilation of Public Records

2109

Methodist Ministers"

released in July 1956, exposes 2109 Methodist preachers because of pro-communist sympathies, communist-front connections, socialistic preaching and teaching.

We can't possibly mention the entire "2109" ministers by name. But we do mention a few and after their names a number which indicates the number of times the person is cited in this publication for communist-front or leftwing membership. They are as follows:- *Henry Hitt Crane* 27, *Mark W. Dawber* 31, *Bishop Lewis O. Hartman* 22, *Bishop Ivan Lee Holt* 9, *E. Stanley Jones* 4, *Bishop Francis J. McConnell* 59, *Jack McMichael* 61, *G. Bromley Oznam* 31, *Ralph W. Sockman* 11, *Harry F. Ward* 121, *Chas. C. Webber* 24, etc. The Circuit Riders identifies these men as being affiliated with some of the most notorious Communist-fronts operating within the country to overthrow America. The Circuit Riders must have been convinced that their denomination had been

of certain witnesses they or the Administration approves and play them up, but if the witnesses happen to be from the D. A. R., S. A. R., American Legion, National Economic Council, Coalition of Patriotic Societies, American Council for Christian Laymen, and of course from various fundamentalists church groups, slighting, disparaging remarks are almost certain to be made in press reports concerning them. These reporters should be present to hear the searching questions asked witnesses by members of investigating committees and the off the cuff replies. Often these questions and replies are far more revealing than the carefully prepared statements. Then too no doubt some members of the press feel that it is to their advantage to stand in with the powers that be and report what these powers want them to report.

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THE SENATE FACT FINDING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

For many years this Committee has been doing a most excellent piece of work in investigating communist infiltration in State Government, Education, Labor, the Moving Picture Industry, Professions, and publishing list of Communist-front organizations, their techniques and members of the same.

It has been releasing Reports since 1943 and made its last Report in 1959. They have repeatedly down through the years cited prominent clergymen, members of the National Council of Churches, because of Communist-front connections and subversive activities. For instance Bishop Oxnham is cited in their 1947, 1948, 1949 Reports on a total of seven pages. His close friend and associate Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman was cited in 1948, on thirteen pages of that report; 1949 on eight pages; 1951 two pages, 1953 four pages; 1955 twenty pages, 1959 one page.

In addition to the above mentioned notorious communist-front members the following leaders and influential members in the old Federal, and now National Council of Churches are listed on the given number of pages:-

Rev. Roswell P. Barnes 1948 one page; Rev. W. Russell Bowie 1948 three pages, 1949 one page; Rev. George A. Buttrick 1948 one page; Mrs. Allan Knight Chalmers 1948 one page; Winifred L. Chappell 1948 two pages; Jerome Davis 1948 fourteen pages, 1949 fourteen pages, 1953 one page; Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick 1948 two pages; Bishop Lewis O. Hartman 1948 one page; Rev. William Lloyd Imes 1948 one page; Edward C. Lindeman 1949 nine pages; Rev. William Howard Melish 1949 four pages, 1959 one page; A. J. Muste 1948 one page, 1957 one page; Bishop Francis J. McConnell 1948 eleven pages; Jack McMichael 1943 one page, 1948 seven pages, 1949 twenty nine pages, 1953 one page; Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr 1948 three pages; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnham 1947 one page,

TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW

We have already submitted considerable documentation proving that Communism has for many years been infiltrating the churches. Many who have become involved in communist-fronts are far from being "dupes," or "suckers" to quote various members of Congress. Neither expression flatters the intelligence of those involved. Bishop Oxnham at his hearing admitted that he was a "sucker." But why do they go on being "dupes" and "suckers," and keep on joining one front after another until as in some cases they have become members of ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy and even over a hundred communist-fronts? How many communist-fronts would you have to join, especially if you noted that numbered among the membership were known Communist-Party members, Communist agents, yes even Russian spies, before you wised up that you were in questionable company? Anyway it has been established that some of these preachers were "hard core Communists," and a great many others remained in Communist-front connections even after they were exposed by the Attorney General, the House Un-American Activities Committee and other investigating bodies. How can they find time to be affiliated with so many outside organizations when there isn't enough hours in the day to carry out the great Commission Christ gave His Church? If they were faithfully preaching the gospel, more devoted to saving souls and preaching the word, they wouldn't have time to become involved in so many fronts. Since they have apostatized from the true Christian faith, and the gospel of the shed blood of Christ, there is no alternative for them but to turn to the social gospel of Karl Marx the founder of Communism.

That Communism has infiltrated the church to an alarming degree will be seen by the quotations given below of men who know:-

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, in appearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947, made a statement which should cause us all to feel great concern and an urge to do something to correct such a deplorable situation, namely:

"I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism."

Mr. Hoover also wrote a book entitled "Masters of Deceit" in which he divulges communist strategy in working in religious groups.

Dr. J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator, U. S. Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee of the Internal Security Committee has made some very startling revelations.

In *American Mercury Magazine*, for July 1953, in an article entitled "Reds and Our Churches" Dr. Matthews declared:

"The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen". "----the Communist Party enlisted the support of at least seven thousand Protestant clergymen in the same categories-- party members, fellow-travelers, espionage agents, party line adherents, and unwitting dupes."

If there were at least 7,000 clergymen in some way identified with the Communist Party and some were actually espionage agents, Red spies, then the Air Force in its Manual on Security had every reason to warn its trainees of this source of danger, and its Secretary should never have apologized.

But when Dr. Matthews divulged this frightfully alarming situation, the leaders of the National Council of Churches put pressure on President Eisenhower who in turn forced Dr. Matthews to resign, a shocking thing. Why is the President so quick to come to the aid of the National Council of Churches whenever it is divulged that the Council has been very heavily infiltrated?

In an *American Mercury*, "Reprint", undated, entitled: "Red Infiltration of Theological Seminaries", Dr. Matthews, reveals the extent that the fountain head of theological training and thinking has been poisoned with the frightfully contagious virus of communism.

Dr. Matthews tells us that of the 177 Protestant theological seminaries listed by the National Council of Churches in its Year Book, "at least 54 of these theological seminaries or slightly more than 30% of them, have been infiltrated by the Communist apparatus." No wonder so many Protestant preachers have been pro-Red. The twig was bent that way in Seminary and before that in college.

If Dr. Matthews had also cited these seminaries because of their heretical, Barthian, modernistic departure from the teachings of Christ and the Apostles, he would have had to cite most all of the 177 theological schools. To the best of our knowledge, not one that is mentioned below could be counted as being wholly sound in the faith. It is because they have apostatized in most cases that they go for communism. The Bible Schools, Bible Institutes, Bible Colleges and seminaries of the true fundamentalist variety have not been infiltrated and wouldn't tolerate a Red or heretic on their faculties.

Some of the seminaries that Dr. Matthews cites because of the pro-Red activities of professors, are among the most outstanding in the country from whence a great portion of the preachers come, namely:-

Council of Christian Churches will not.

We could not help but anticipate what would happen next in this investigation. The Committee voted to hear Dr. J. B. Matthews present much documented evidence concerning Reds in the churches. That should have been interesting and most informative.

To save himself, the Bishop turned on his close friends of the years past and viciously attacked them in his testimony, namely, Prof. Harry F. Ward and the Rev. Jack McMichael. His denunciation of them will appear in the printed record for them and the nation to read. It was a denunciation which came years too late and should have been publicly made in the Conferences of the Methodist Church. It would be most interesting to hear what they had to say in their own defense. McMichael was subpoenaed to testify on July 30.

One thing is certain, so far in the investigation of Reds in the churches, their presence there is an established fact. They were in high places, teaching and influencing seminary students, the youth of the church, and molding policy. Also, the record concerning Bishop Oxnam and his associations has not been bettered by the hearing. The Bishop's record has by no means been cleared. Congressmen Jackson and Velde made this very clear in their interview with the press following the hearing. The "record," as they declared, "speaks for itself." Much additional material is now in the files concerning most damaging admissions made by the Bishop himself.

Very little of the above appeared in the press of the nation and certainly not in slanted papers. Many of the sordid facts brought out at the Oxnam hearing were kept from the American public who had a right to know them and be warned as to the appalling extent of the communist infiltration in the churches. We can't help but wonder if the press didn't cover up for Bishop Oxnam and the churches he represented. They certainly failed to report a lot of frightful things that were brought out in that hearing that proved that Reds had infiltrated the churches.

After many trips to Washington, it is our conviction that there is a lot of careless, inaccurate, incomplete, slanted reporting emanating therefrom. The American public often does not receive the unadulterated truth, and seldom all the truth.

We have observed that members of the press rely entirely too much on printed statements which are handed out by the government and by others. We have observed that at certain important hearings that some members of the press are carelessly indifferent to the liberties and issues at stake and are not in the room long enough to accurately and fully report what has transpired. They come in and copy down a few notes taken from the statements

ed the Bishop twice on this point during the hearing and received no satisfactory explanation.

Congressman Walter took the Bishop to task for having declared in a report that the immigration law of the land was "asinine," asking him, "What useful purpose did you think you were serving by making an attack on the law of the land?" Chairman Velde in commenting on other remarks the Bishop had made accused him of saying "something about the law which is not true." Congressman Clardy remarked to him on one occasion, "I want the truth, but you are making it 'hard to drag it out of you.'" Toward the close of the hearing Congressman Clardy told the Bishop, "I do think you are muddled in your thinking and in your understanding." And again when the Bishop spoke highly of Miss Vera M. Dean's book which he had recommended Methodist ministers to read he was told by Congressman Clardy that it was "one of the most arrogant bits of communist propaganda" he had ever seen. The Bishop explained that his "purpose" in recommending this book and *Behind Soviet Power* by Jerome Davis was to "acquaint our people with the challenge that lies in communism to the people of our faith." He was also charged with being "uncharitable" and "unchristian" in his speech. All of this will be in the printed record.

Many other revelations took place at the hearing which were equally disturbing and distressing. One organization he joined, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, he did so upon invitation of Prof. Dirk J. Struik, whom the Committee declared was a Russian spy. In other testimony it was declared that "*Marrism and religious liberal theology are one*," a declaration that should cause the members of liberal churches to do a lot of pondering. The Bishop had not only close friends who were communists, but another "dear friend" with whom he delighted to fellowship turned out to be a "Unitarian," Dr. Stephen S. Fritchman, who as such denies the deity of our Lord, His virgin birth, and His substitutionary blood sacrifice as payment for the penalty of our sins. In defending himself from the charge of anti-Catholicism he read from his Episcopal Address of 1948 to show that his and the National Council's aims were the union of all so-called Christian groups into one body, the "Holy Catholic Church," which necessarily will be made up of the denominations making up the National Council, all the branches of Orthodox Catholicism, the Roman Catholic Church, modernists, Unitarians, Universalists, Dowieties, Pentecostals, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, Christian Scientists, and all the hundreds of cults. A union of true Christian believers we can see and understand, but a nauseating, Scripturally forbidden admixture of believers and unbelievers is impossible. The Bishop and the National Council may be willing to go into such a union, but we do not think that the Roman Catholic Church would. We are certain that the American

American Baptist Theological Seminary, Andover Newton Theological School, (Amer. Bap. & Cong.); Auburn Theological Seminary, (Presby.); Boston University School of Theology; Bethany Biblical Seminary, (Ch. Breth.); Bible College of Missouri, (Disc.); Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Dickerson Theological Seminary, (African Meth. Epis.); Eden Theological Seminary, (Evang. and Ref.); Episcopal Theological School; Garrett Biblical Institute, (Meth.); Hartford Seminary Foundation, (Interdenom.); Hood Theological Seminary, (African Meth. Epis. Zion.); Meadville Theological School, (Unitarian); McCormick Theological Seminary, (Presy.); Oberlin College Graduate School of Theology, (Udenom.); Princeton Theological Seminary, (Presby.); Protestant Episcopal Seminary, in Virginia; Seabury-Western, (Prot. Epis.); Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Union Theological Seminary, (Udenom.); University of Chicago Divinity School, (Amer. Bap.); University of Southern California School of Religion, (Meth.); Yale Divinity School, (Udenom.); Yankton College School of Theology, (Cong. Christ.)

Are any of your denomination's seminaries in this group? Are you helping to support them? Are the young people from your church, and your home attending such schools? Why not see that your young people are sent to schools sound in the faith and loyal to the United States of America? If you do, you will have better preachers, and better churches and a better community.

Dr. Dan Poling has been quite critical of the pro-Reds in the church and has rendered a great service to the church and the nation by so doing. He has censured them, and, properly so, for not condemning Red atrocities at their peace gatherings and for advocating recognition of Red China, at their Fifth World Order Study Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, November 1958. He has also spoken favorably of Dr. Matthews and has declared that his estimate of "7,000 preachers" was "entirely too conservative," and this in a featured article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, 1954. Dr. Poling admitted that he himself had been an unwitting "dupe" back in the years and had become involved. He is quoted as declaring, "One influential 'dupe' is worth his or her weight in Red gold."

--- "The Communist Party, would, of course, prefer one Bishop Oxnam to a thousand card bearing members ---".

Herbert A. Philbrick, for nine years an F. B. I. counterspy who joined the Communist Party to learn their secrets, and who wrote, "I Led Three Lives," worked in the Party with preachers who were active members. He declared:—

"The Communists have made a great advance in their use of clergymen . . . virtually no Communist or Communist-front activity takes place today without ministerial and church support, sponsorship or participation. Most of the persons involved—in the pulpit, in publishing, in the

training of ministers—have been duped. . . But it will come as a jolt to many Christians to discover that some of the members of the clergy are not dupes but hardened Communists who are completely loyal to Russia. I am not guessing about this. I saw those ministers in action—ruthless communist leaders prostituting the Christian ministry to the evil of atheism and oppression. They knew exactly what they were doing. They were clergymen because it suited their purpose and that of their superiors. ----”.

M. G. Lowman, the tireless, devoted, well informed, and fearless “Coordinator” of the Circuit Riders, a body of independent Methodists who are riding to fame in the estimation of loyal Americans, declared to us in a personal conversation, “The 9,000 clergymen in the United States most of whom have loaned their names unwittingly to the Communist conspiracy to conquer the world, represent the largest number, exceeding every other category, including educators which run second with 6,000.”

We urge our readers to write to the Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio and obtain and distribute their publication mentioned above.

Paul Crouch we mention next. For 17 years he had been a Communist Party member, a Party Organizer, who visited Moscow, met high functionaries, attended meetings of the Central Committee in the States. He had the particular assignment of infiltrating Communists into the Army and Navy of the United States. Communists were instructed to enlist for service in Panama, Hawaii, Army forts, etc. They had seven or eight agents serving on the battleship Oklahoma. No one knows in how many other places. If we had had a war with Russia, or if it had been to their advantage, the Communists had men in our armed service who had sworn to defend America and uphold the Constitution, who were in strategic places and if given the word could have blown up the Panama Canal, wrecked installations in Hawaii, even sunk the ill-fated Oklahoma or other ships on which they had been assigned. After all this it is hard to understand why President Eisenhower would have invited Krushchev, the present head of such a diabolical plot, to this country and give him a hero's welcome. Using Miami as a base, back before 1949, they were laying their ground work to take over Cuba and other Latin American countries. If America had only acted and stopped them then.

Paul Crouch testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee, May 6, 1949, and revealed these terrible things. He also testified that laboring in Miami setting up one of the communist-fronts was no less a person than Methodist Harry F. Ward. Considering all that was involved as mentioned above, what a vile, treasonable association for a professed minister of the gospel.

Manning Johnson, a former top official of the Communist

He had requested this hearing to protest what he claimed were certain inaccuracies which appeared in particular in a certain newspaper account in the Committee's file, and one of the releases which the Hon. John Rankin, a former chairman of the Committee, had made. He demanded that in the future every single newspaper account on any matter the Committee was interested in be verified before being released.

He received most unusual consideration at every turn. The newspapers, too, were exceptionally lenient with him in their accounts, omitting much that reflected on him. He was permitted to begin by reading a statement. He came apparently expecting to deal only with the few incidents which were supposedly inaccurate. It is possible that he hoped to discredit the Committee by so doing and thereby undermine its work. In past years and since, he has joined with those seeking its abolishment. The Committee, however, surprised him by confronting him with a lot of evidence he only too obviously did not know that they had in the record, and he was quite indignant. As they say it in common parlance, the Committee really threw the book at him before they were through.

Oxnam began by attacking the Committee for not only alleged inaccuracies but for placing the material in its files, as a “wicked tool” in the hands of “irresponsible” persons, and he named the American Council of Christian Churches and the American Council of Christian Laymen, both of which he said were seeking to “destroy” him. It was very evident that the documented exposures these organizations had made of him were really hurting him and the National Council of Churches with which he is connected.

Before the hearing was over the Committee was really putting Oxnam in his place. Never have we seen a Christian leader's connections and his knowledge and judgment more thoroughly discredited or made more ludicrous than were his. Time and again instead of giving a direct reply, he tried to make a speech, or he remarked, “I don't remember,” or, “I don't recollect,” etc. Several times the chairman remarked to him that if he did remember later on would he please be kind enough to let the Committee know.

It was pathetic when Congressman Clardy asked him to explain how his name found its way on the letterheads of so many fronts and wondered if it were possible that the communists had put him on their “sucker list.” He readily admitted that this might be true, apparently not realizing the reflection this was on his intelligence. Congressman Walters asked him, “Don't you think you were very careless?” namely, in permitting so many fronts to use his name. Chairman Velde remarked to him, “It is perplexing to the Committee how you could be a member of all these organizations without knowing what they were.” Velde call-

churches to serve not only as pastors but as agents for the Communist Party. Bishop Oxnam admitted that Prof. Ward had been a great "inspiration" to him and a dear friend. He admitted that he knew that Ward took the communist position. It was brought out that, throughout all the time that Oxnam was associated with Ward and Ward was having such an influence on his life, Ward was an active communist. He claimed, however, that he eventually broke with Ward in 1936 because of his communist position.

The Committee then confronted him with the fact that, when the Methodist Church had its big merger meeting in Kansas City, on May 15, 1939, Bishop Oxnam "paid" Harry F. Ward "a high tribute" of praise. The Bishop had to acknowledge that he had done so, claiming that he did so because of "all" that "Ward did for the Methodist Church." *The Bishop was censured for paying Ward such a tribute when he had known for some years prior to this that Ward was a communist.*

The Bishop was asked in the course of the hearing if he knew Winifred Chappell and he admitted that he did, and in response to questioning stated that in addition to being connected with the Methodist Federation, she served the Epworth League. The Committee then revealed that Winifred Chappell during the war years, writing in the *Epworth Herald*, had encouraged Methodist youth to go into the armed forces, the munitions factories, etc., and not only sabotage the war effort but do so with the intent of overthrowing our economy. This was treason.

Bishop Oxnam not only admitted that Winifred Chappell did this, but he admitted that the Methodist Church did nothing about it, stating that the Methodist Church did not discipline its members for making statements. What is more, he also admitted that, when he discovered that Ward and McMichael were communists, he did not inform on them and that the Methodist Church took no action to discipline them. His weakest and most pathetic defense was at this point. Repeatedly in the testimony, when confronted by the Committee and asked why he did not do something to expose these people and rid the Church of them, he weakly pled that the Church was not in a position to do so. He suggested that the Committee appear before the proper Methodist authorities and testify against Ward and McMichael. The Committee then confronted him with his recent article in the Sunday papers, "How to Uncover Communism," in which he had declared that the work of dealing with Reds in the churches "should be left up to the clergy," a work which he and other Methodist leaders had, as the testimony brought out, failed to perform. *The failure of the Methodist Church to act more than justified the Committee in its present investigation.*

Altogether, according to our information, 49 exhibits were filed with the Committee in a heated controversy before the hearing.

Party has frequently been quoted to prove the extent to which communism has infiltrated the churches. He knew. As a high party functionary he was in close touch with some of the preachers involved.

He testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee July 13 and 14, 1953.

He definitely identified Harry F. Ward, Winifred Chappell, Wm. B. Spofford, Kenneth Leslie and Jerome Davis, the Protestant Digest later called the Protestant, as all being part of the Communist apparatus and distinctly mentions same as being under party discipline, and presented various exhibits to prove his points.

He also definitely testified that there were a number of ministers who were not "dupes", who knew exactly what they were doing. We quote from P. 2202:—

"I might add that quite a few ministers, for example participated in the united front known as the American League Against War and Fascism, and it was later called the American League for Peace and Democracy, in which many ministers were involved. In fact, they were so deeply involved through Harry F. Ward, that they became the spokesmen, the advocates, the builders, and the leaders of this most important Communist front that engaged in everything from simple assault on a government to espionage, sabotage, and the overthrow of the Government of the United States."

What a shameful thing? It was bad enough to have so called ministers of the gospel helping to raise millions of dollars to buy war supplies for communists fighting in Spain. We refer to the Communist-front called, *The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy*. Some of the men who were identified with that front constantly seek to undermine and scuttle every preparedness measure for national defense but never condemn Communist Russia and her hordes for their military build-up and acts of aggression. But isn't it shameful that ministers would be involved in "assault", "espionage", "sabotage" "and the overthrow of the Government of the United States." Since they were so involved, then the warning in the Air Force Manual was in order and should be retained.

We are going to rest our case at this point. The five points that we have submitted with sufficient documentation prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that Communism has infiltrated the churches and to a very considerable degree. What's more, those most responsible are entrenched in the highest offices of the National Council of Churches and many member denominations. Now what are the churches going to do about it? What are you going to do about it? Why may we ask were not the objectors from the National Council of Churches courageous enough to accept the challenge from Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of

the House Un-American Activities Committee to meet before his committee and face the evidence? The answer is perfectly obvious. Dr. Billy James Hargis challenged them to debate the matter in public and they didn't accept that either. Leaders of the American Council of Christian Churches have also repeatedly challenged them to debate in the past. Instead of accepting these challenges they resort to the communist technique of smear, charge their accusers with being in disrepute, and the slanted press of the nation has aided them in their slander of patriotic and fundamentalist groups.

We would like to again propose that the charge that Communism has infiltrated the churches be debated. We would like to see Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Dr. J. B. Matthews, Dr. M. G. Lowman, Circuit Riders, Dr. Billy James Hargis, Dr. Carl McIntire I. C. C. C. and someone appointed by the American Council of Christian Churches, publicly debate this matter with such men as Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. John A. Mackay, Dr. Edward T. Dahlberg, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Rev. Wm. H. Melish, Rev. Jack McMichael and Dr. Stephen S. Fritchman. Since we can't trust some of the papers and since the matter is of such great importance, let the whole debate be televised and put on a coast to coast hook up of the radio chains. Then let the people decide if the evidence supports the charge.

HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

House of Representatives, February 25, 1960

"Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual"

Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman, Presiding

Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, accompanied by Major General Thos. C. Musgrove, was taken to task by the Committee, for, as the press of the nation had reported "categorically repudiating" and "abjectly apologizing" for the statements in the Manual referring to definite, specific proven instances of communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches, and thereby discrediting in the eyes of the public the validity of the work done by the F. B. I., the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Attorney General and other U. S. Government agencies and for having done so at the demand of James Wine, Associate General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. Also involved in this repudiation was the President and the Secretary of Defense.

The Report of the above mentioned hearing should be obtained and read in full, and every statement in its full context which we haven't time or space to report now.

In this Report it is again re-affirmed and many proven instances cited, that communism had definitely infiltrated, the National Council of Churches and its leaders were particularly in-

that this frightful pro-communist Methodist Federation For Social Action -- "*... speaks in the name of 17 Methodist bishops and 4,000 Methodist clerics and laymen.*" p. 7. Jack McMichael its Executive Secretary was later on cited as a Communist.

We have only covered 12 pages of this shameful revelation of treason against God and Country, but surely this is sufficient to show the alarming extent to which the Methodist Church alone has been infiltrated by Communism.

The Methodist Church should hang its head in shame that it has tolerated such things. True Christians who are members of that church ought to ask God to forgive them for having supported such men by their contributions.

THE OXNAM HEARING JULY 21, 1953

At this hearing held before the House Un-American Activities Committee, July 21, 1953, in Washington, it was definitely established that Reds had infiltrated the church and were in very influential places, and that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam had knowingly worked with them, perfectly aware of their communist party connections and subversive activities. This hearing was held in the very same room where Alger Hiss was tried. Alger Hiss was Chairman of a Committee of the Federal Council of Churches at the United Nations. We sat in the front row, directly behind Bishop Oxnam and clearly heard everything that was said and took down 48 pages of notes. The meeting lasted until midnight and 49 exhibits were inserted in the record, much of it unfavorable to the Bishop who had gone to the meeting intending to bait the Committee.

In remarks made by Committee members at the hearing the following were named as having been declared Communists in testimony taken by the Committee formerly: *Dr. Harry F. Ward*, professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and a most active official in the Methodist Federation For Social Action; the *Rev. Jack McMichael*, executive secretary of the Federation; *Winifred Chappell*, connected with the Federation and with the Epworth League; *Jerome Davis* who wrote *Behind Soviet Power*, a pro-communist book Bishop Oxnam sent to every pastor of the Methodist Church, and who wrote the article glorifying bloody Joseph Stalin as the servant of God and the common man which appeared in the official Methodist Sunday School publication, *The Classmate*, for July 20, 1947; and *Kirby Page*, a national figure in the National Council of Churches.

The Committee in presenting its evidence revealed that *Harry F. Ward* with whom Bishop Oxnam had worked for many years had been a communist since 1919, and that Oxnam knew of Ward's communist position years before he broke with him. It also revealed that *Prof. Ward* sent Union Theological Seminary students to

oughly endorses the Methodist Federation of Social Service and the things for which it stands." Bishop Oxnam was one of its Executive Secretaries.

Now what according to this pamphlet are some of the things for which the Methodist Federation For Social Action stands: "Alliance of the pulpit with Communism", p. 4, Supported preachers dismissed from their pulpits for making "radical utterances", p. 4 "- seeking the overthrow of the profit or private ownership system." p. 4. "The Federation terms the Soviet system as the most perfect yet devised by any nation." p. 4. "- overthrow of the present capitalistic system in the United States -." p. 6. "Private property, according to the pamphlets, is to be taken over without compensation to the owners and operated by useful social workers." p. 6. "Soviet Union is again commended." p. 6.

It is interesting to note in this pamphlet the radical difference between what Scripps-Howard papers were then and what some are now. Then they didn't try to cover up the Red infiltration in the churches but courageously exposed the same. A series of 1947 articles by Frederick Woltman, World-Telegram Staff Writer are quoted therein in which Mr. Woltman makes the following charges against the Methodist Federation for Social Action (now Social Service): -- "has closely followed the Communist party line on many issues." p. 7; "The federation favors Gen. Feng's solution for China" namely "the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek and a coalition with the Chinese Communists." p. 7; "-- the greatest event of the 20th century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all that it has meant to the human welfare." p. 8; "America's always wrong; Russia's always right." p. 8; "-- attack on America's foreign policies and a glowing defense of the Soviet Union--." p. 9; "The Keynoter was Jerome Davis, long an ardent Soviet apologist." p. 9; "Rev. Jack McMichael executive secretary and sparkplug" p. 8, "-- was once active in the Young Communist League and has been a diligent supporter of communist fronts to date--" p. 9, Jerome Davis was depicted as defending Russian slave labor camps and the seizure of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, p. 10; "The threats of Russian imperialism, of the revived Communist International and of Communist infiltration tactics in America were ignored completely by the Methodist Federation of Social Action at its annual conference just ended here." p. 10; Against loyalty tests and listing of subversive's, p. 11; "It opposed compulsory military training and demanded we stop manufacturing atomic bombs." p. 11; "Dr. Ward has worked closely with the Communist party and its leaders for many years. He has written for the party's official organ, the Daily Worker, praising Marxism." -- "His cospeaker was Carl Marzani, recently sentenced by a federal jury to a year in prison for concealing his Communist party membership in order to retain a key post in the O. S. S. and later the State Department." p. 11. Mr. Woltman also declared

involved. Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist ministers etc., who had joined the Communist Party, admitted doing so or who had admittedly worked as communist agents or worked with known communists are mentioned by name, namely; Claude C. Williams, Eliot White, Joseph Nowak, Jack Hutchison, the last two students of Harry F. Ward at Union Seminary, New York. One former President of the National Council worked with a known convicted communist as recently as January 1960.

The Air Force Manual had specifically mentioned Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, Dr. James Dahl, Dr. Leroy Waterman, Dr. Fleming James, Dr. Harry F. Ward and Dr. John A. Mackay, etc. The House Committee at its February 25, 1960 hearing went over the pro-communist records of these men as stated in the Manual, and went on record declaring that the Manual was an "understatement" and that these men were much more involved in Communist infiltration than the Manual reported.

The frightfully appalling extent of communist infiltration will be seen from this declaration of the Committee as made on Page #1303:

"-- Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement. - -"

Not only was Secretary Sharp and the Secretary of Defense chided for undercutting the work of those investigating Communist infiltration but he was taken to task for trying to keep these facts from Air Force trainees in their studies on matters of security, and for giving the American public a wrong impression.

The Committee put Secretary Sharp definitely on the spot, demanding a specific "Yes" or "No" reply to various questions. Since the slanted press of the nation, and since the National Council of Churches is trying to make it appear that the "validity" of the statements in the Air Force Manual are in question, and it was withdrawn for that reason, the following quotes from the Record of the hearing disprove this:--

"Mr. Arens. Did you, in your statement of repudiation, intend a repudiation of the integrity, validity, or accuracy of the testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which is quoted in this Manual?"

"Secretary Sharp. No sir. If it is properly quoted,

I certainly did not intend such a repudiation." Page #1303.

And again:—

"Mr. Arens. Am I absolutely clear, and is the record clear, that you are not now nor did at anytime intend a repudiation of the validity of the material attributed to this Committee attributed to the F. B. I. or other intelligence agencies, which is quoted here respecting Communist infiltration in Churches and infiltration by fellow-travellers in church groups?"

"Secretary Sharp. That is correct." Page #1304.

So the indictment against the National Council of Churches still stands. Secretary Sharp as reported on Page #1319 admitted that he "suppressed" the Manual and "withdrew it without investigating to determine whether or not the statements made in that Manual were true." He like the President and Secretary of Defense were more or less intimidated by the arrogant, dictatorial, totalitarian National Council of Churches, which indicated at its recent meeting in Oklahoma City that it expects to censor future publications of the Manual a thing that never should be tolerated. This whole affair of repudiation and apology is shameful.

One of the very last things requested by the Committee of Secretary Sharp was that he apologize to the "American people", and make this thing right for having apologized to the National Council of Churches, and for repudiating the proven findings of various U. S. Government bodies investigating Communist infiltration, a very serious thing indeed.

CONCLUDING WORD

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS SHAMEFUL THING?

First, the U. S. Government should have acted long since. The Administration never should have apologized because the Air Force warned of Reds in the churches. They are there heavily entrenched in high places and have been there for many years. It is time to get them out, or get out. When the Honorable John McDowell, who helped trip up Alger Hiss, was a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, he declared to us personally on two different occasions, "If these men were not preachers we would put them in jail." We replied, "Put them in jail anyway." Why should preachers enjoy immunity or the treason of members of the National Council of Churches be covered up? Mr. McDowell was also owner and editor of the Wilkinsburg Gazette. When we prepared a documented expose of the pro-communist preachers and leaders of the old Federal Council of Churches, now National Council, mentioned them and their many communist front connections by name, he printed the same in his paper. As a member of the House Committee he was in a position to know that what we revealed was true and correct. Not very

4, Bishop Francis J. McConnell 56, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman 1, Dr. Wm. B. Spofford 39, Dr. Harry F. Ward 64 and many others. The number after each name indicates the number of times they were cited for belonging to various Communist-fronts. Every true American and true follower of Christ was shocked no end by this revelation. *But even more shocking is the fact that subsequent exposures indicate that many of these clergymen have not lessened but greatly expanded their Communist-front connections.*

The clergymen involved, greatly resented being exposed and have ever since steadfastly fought for the abolishment of the Committee which exposed them.

It needs to be particularly pointed out that this exposure was not made by the fundamentalists but by a Committee of Congress seeking to preserve our nation and way of life. Dr. Dahlberg ought to procure this report and read it. Then perhaps he wouldn't make such unfounded charges.

As far as we know every man cited was a modernist, who in various ways denied the fundamental, cardinal tenets of the historic Christian faith as taught by Christ and the Apostles. They were some of the most outstanding leaders in their Council of Churches. It was because they were traitors to the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as members of traitorous Communist-fronts that separated fundamentalist groups withdrew from them, in accord with the Commands of God's Word, II Cor. 6:14-7:1, Eph. 5:11, II Tim. 3:5, II John 7-11, etc. Many in their Council were pacifists who sought to undermine every preparedness measure and leave America weak and helpless in the face of her Communist foes. Never once did we ever know of them criticizing Bloody Joe Stalin and his Red butchers. Instead they sang the praises of Communist Russia. The Administration, and the press of the nation needs to refresh its memories on some of these facts.

EXPOSURE OF THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

February 17, 1952

The next expose that we shall mention that the House Un-American Activities Committee made concerned the notorious and infamous Methodist Federation For Social Action, an 87 page pamphlet thoroughly documented. In 1937 Bishop Francis J. McConnell was President of the Federation, p. 4.

Editors of their Social Service Bulletin, as per page #3, and who were later on cited as being Communists, were Dr. Harry F. Ward, Bishop Oxnam's close friend, teacher and associate, and Winifred L. Chappell, a leader in Epworth League who encouraged Methodist youths to commit acts of sabotage. On Page #6, it is stated that, "Bishop Oxnam, who as a student got his training from Dr. Harry F. Ward" and it is declared "Bishop Oxnam said he thor-

dictatorial, National Council of Churches in its efforts to misrepresent, crush and suppress separated fundamentalist groups. One thing is evident and that is that fundamentalists and those who are fighting communist infiltration cannot expect fair treatment at the hands of slanted newspapers. Papers that were formerly conservative like the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph have departed from their former position. America is pretty far down the road to slavery and Communist domination, and the press, the Administration, the infiltrated National Council of Churches, certain labor unions, schools, T.V., the movies, and Supreme Court decisions, have all helped bring it where it is.

Now suppose we examine just a little of the available evidence, which the press of the nation should have examined, and see if it is true that Communism has infiltrated "some churches". What are the facts? The tragic facts that we are going to examine did not originate with the fundamentalists as Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council claims, and they are not groundless charges, as press accounts seem to infer.

I.

FIRST, VARIOUS REPORTS ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For many years, this very important though much maligned but very necessary Committee of Congress, which the Reds hate and would disband has most courageously exposed communist infiltration, subversion, sabotage, espionage, etc. wherever found. It has rendered a magnificent service to the country in exposing the enemy working within. Particularly has it exposed the Moscow directed Communist apparatus as these Reds have worked within the government, the military, labor unions, the schools, and our churches, in an attempt to destroy free America, and make it the slave of communist Russia.

1944 REPORT

In its 1944 Report a vast number of Communist Party and Communist-front members are mentioned by name. Many of those who are cited for being members of Communist-fronts are leaders in the National Council of Churches. Included in this list are past presidents, secretaries, of the then Federal, now National Council of Churches. Eight of the prominent churchmen cited were translators of the National Council's inaccurate perverted, unitarian Revised Standard Version of the Bible, but later revelations increased the number to 30 translators. Listed in this report are such outstanding church figures, as, Dr. W. Russell Bowie 16, Dr. George A. Buttrick 2, Dr. J. Henry Carpenter 3, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert 1, Mrs. Cavert 6, Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin 10, Dr. Jerome Davis 40, Dr. Sherwood Eddy 10, Dr. E. Stanley Jones 2, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper 7, Dr. John A. Mackay

many editors today would have had the courage to do what he did. If America is ever lost it will be largely because the press of the land does not print all the truth, is often slanted and our people are not, being properly informed and warned.

If the government had acted in the past in a courageous, uncompromising, forthright, firm manner in dealing with Communist Russia and its agents working right without our own country, in the U. N., etc., instead of groveling and burying reports of investigating committees, and doing nothing about them, communists wouldn't have run away with things in labor, education, the churches, the U. N., in Korea, Hungary, Cuba, Central and South America, and in many other places, but particularly here at home. Long before former Communist agent Paul Crouch made his startling revelations in 1949, it was known that communist agents working out of Miami with orders from Moscow were laying the ground work to take over Cuba and Latin America. If we had acted then and put a stop to their operations Cuba might not have fallen into the hands of the pro-communist tyrant Castro, the lives of thousands there spared and our great financial investments safe-guarded. But no, our weak State Department and the Administration permitted all this to happen with hardly a protest. The Administration once more chickened out. A different story could no doubt be told concerning Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Porto Rico, etc. where the Communists in spite of our Monroe Doctrine were permitted to gain such a foothold. One reason why they are gaining a foothold in America is because clergymen and leaders in the National Council of Churches, by their pro-communist social gospel preaching, and their many pro-communist activities and sympathies have been conditioning America and particularly the youth of America for a communist take over.

There is little point in President Eisenhower going to South America now, to make slaps at communism, when he helps cover up for the National Council of Churches here at home, when in spite of the protests of thousands of Christians he entertains Khrushchev in the White House, when the Supreme Court is permitted to hand down no end of decisions favorable to the communists and a detriment to the F. B. I., the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and others exposing the Communists, and when he advocates the surrender of U. S. sovereignty to the U.N.'s International Court by repealing the Connally Amendment which would give our enemies, Russia and its satellites, Cuba, Panama, and others a free hand to control all our domestic and foreign affairs. The last mentioned is the worst sell out proposed yet. The National Council of Churches is for repeal. Why doesn't the President first clean up the mess at home, and begin by making a full scale public investigation of communist infiltration in the churches, labor, education, government, the press, the Armed Forces, T.V., radio, movies, etc. and see to it that the press of the nation is given the truth of the matter, and that the public is given full

documentation in government reports? But the Administration obviously right now is most concerned about votes and perpetuating itself.

What America needs desperately is a complete house cleaning in Washington, in the Administration, the Supreme Court, where necessary in Congress, and in the press and that the hands of the F. B. I., the House Committee on Un-American Activities be strengthened by proper legislation to continue the good work of the past years in turning up Communist spies, saboteurs, agents, no matter where found, and punished. Our present Supreme Court is a detriment and a menace. No wonder thousands have signed petitions requesting that its present members be impeached. Both major political parties have from a Christian standpoint been a terrible disappointment. We need red blooded men of firm conviction in Washington who will be true to God and true to America, subservient to no foreign power, the United Nations and to no church group whether it be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or fundamentalist. Information being distributed by The Congress of Freedom indicates that the Communists have launched a concerted drive to take over the United States by 1975 without having to fight a war, and Matt Cvetic, former F. B. I. undercover agent has declared that when they do "one-third of our population, the great middle-class" will be slaughtered. Blood will flow down the gutters of our cities. Are we going to sit idly by and let that happen, let the Internationalists in Washington and elsewhere, and the National Council, and all who would, sell us down the river? Or, are we going to get in there and fight like men and squelch the Communist menace? We are ashamed of the disgraceful statement attributed to the head of our Department of State, "I would rather crawl on my knees to Moscow than have the Reds drop the bomb on my head." What kind of talk is this for an American or a Christian? Patrick Henry would be made sick at his stomach if alive to have heard that or to observe the pusillanimous manner in which the Administration treats the Communist menace. Americans who love liberty don't fear death. Neither do Christians for in Christ Jesus their Saviour a much better life awaits them.

Secondly, true Christians who belong to denominations within the framework of the National Council of Churches are obligated to do something about the Red infiltration and denial of the faith in their churches and their Council.

The church today is in this sorry mess because the rank and file of its members tolerates heretical preaching and teaching and Red infiltration, and continues to support and countenance such false leaders even after they are exposed. They pour their contributions into the funds of the church, which in turn are used to help defray the activities of these leaders, and permit themselves

instance the powerful, totalitarian, National Council of Churches once again pressured the Administration to repudiate the proven statement that Communism has infiltrated some churches. In obliging them the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force went back on their own intelligence and security forces and also indirectly discredited an arm of Congress and the Attorney General's office which together had investigated and found such charges to be true. The President has wined and dined Khrushchev the Red Butcher and head of Godless Anti Christian Communism and this at public expense. Now the Administration is covering up for known Reds operating in the churches. By doing such things the Administration with ample help from the Supreme Court has given Communism one of the greatest boosts that it has ever had in this country, made it to appear respectable, granted it certain immunity, given it a new lease on life, with the result that it now no longer needs to work underground and is flourishing at home and abroad. The head of this despicable anti Christian system is welcome in the White House, as are those who aid and abet the Communist-line.

The slanted press of the nation in coming to the assistance of the National Council of Churches, instead of honestly facing and answering the charges, resorted to name calling, ridicule, and abuse, was guilty of some very careless, inaccurate U. P. I. reporting, attacked the fundamentalists, dragged in utterly irrelevant things and by so doing sought to divert attention from the guilty National Council in which there have been many proven cases of Red infiltration and sought instead to discredit the fundamentalists groups which wouldn't tolerate Reds in their midst. The fundamentalists have given government agencies investigating Reds no matter where found every encouragement and assistance. The National Council to the contrary follows the communist line in its effort to smear, discredit and disband the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the Commies are also conducting a campaign to discredit the F. B. I. The type of reporting we are getting in the press often leaves a great deal to be desired. The editor of the Pittsburgh Press, a Scripps-Howard Newspaper, for February 18th, 1960, called those who tried to warn Air Force trainees that there were Reds operating in the churches, "bungleheads", "oafs", and referred to their charges as "unbelievably asinine" and as "idiocy". Louis Cassels, in the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph for Feb. 20, 1960 dragged in a lot of completely irrelevant material intended to discredit fundamentalist groups in the eyes of the public, but he failed miserably to do some true reporting, look up the available facts and see if there was evidence that Reds had infiltrated the churches, and report what he found. Similar statements no doubt appeared in papers all over the country. This goes to prove how shoddy, unfair, biased and slanted the subservient press of the nation has become, and how it has joined with the infiltrated, arrogant,

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE CHURCHES

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Once again a furor has been raised in this country by the National Council of Churches and the slanted press of the nation because it has again been declared that there are Reds in the churches. The U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities, the F. B. I. and many others have been warning the nation of this shameful fact for many years. This time it was the U. S. Air Force which made the charge in its Manual on Security, which it was forced to withdraw. The statements objected to in the Air Force Manual, particularly by the National Council of Churches and the slanted press, are as follows:

"Communism in Religion. From a variety of authoritative sources, there appears to be overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through the infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions." "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications." - - "Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion. If a football team should start telling the other side the plays it planned to use, their opponents would sweep them off the field. It's the same in war — hot or cold; if we tell our secrets, we are likely to be beaten, and beaten badly."

Since this Manual was dealing with security matters these statements being true were perfectly proper and in order. These statements were horribly garbled and twisted in some papers. That Reds had infiltrated and worked in high positions and he had worked with them, knowing their Communist affiliations, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Church, and former President of the then Federal, now the National Council of Churches, was forced to admit, as will be cited below, in his hearing before the House Committee July 21, 1953. We were there, sat right behind the Bishop and heard him make this frightful admission. So why all the outcry?

United States Navy Intelligence made a similar statement in 1935 concerning the then Federal Council, now National Council of Churches which pressured President Roosevelt to squelch Navy Intelligence, and he did, and sternly warned Navy Intelligence never to divulge such things again. In the present

to be counted in the ranks of such men. By so doing the rank and file of church members in National Council denominations have been aiding and abetting these pro-communist modernist leaders in their dual treason against Christ and the nation.

For this the occupant of the pew will be held accountable by Almighty God, now, and when Christ Jesus His Son judges the works of men. So will the fundamentalist preachers who have remained in such deplorable compromising connections and fail to expose the modernism and communist infiltration in their denomination. They undoubtedly are more accountable than the rank and file they have failed to warn. They certainly know better than to remain in league with apostasy and communism but unfortunately that has become the order of the day with the encouragement and example of men like Billy Graham. These men, many of them good men, stay on the inside and by so doing aid apostasy and Red infiltration, even though they themselves are not apostate and have no time for communism. But if they in obedience to the Commands of God's word came out of their present connections it would mean sacrificing pensions, big churches often, prestige, respectability, and position. Some by remaining in have been rewarded by the powers that be with prominent positions, but only on the condition that they will go along with the status quo. They let their fundamental brethren who have suffered reproach for Christ's sake and gone without the camp, bear the ignominy and the shame and do the fighting for the faith once for all time delivered unto the saints that they should be doing.

If the true Christians yet within the denominations, both lay and clerical, did the right thing they would present charges against these many heretics and pro-Reds within the church and see that they are brought to trial, refuse to support them with their money and demand that they no longer be counted in their ranks. If tried and found guilty of treason to the historic Christian faith and to their nation these apostate ministers should be unfrocked and dismissed. They haven't hesitated to ruthlessly suppress and unfrock those in the ministry who in faithfulness to God and Country have been exposing heresy and communism in the church. After they do succeed in having a faithful pastor unfrocked, whenever the charge of Red infiltration and heresy is revived, they try to divert attention from themselves by declaring in certain instances that the ones making charges against them and their denominations are deposed men, and the slanted press invariably helps them out and attacks the fundamentalists making the charges and holds them up to scorn and ridicule instead of honestly facing and answering the charges. None of the fundamentalists that I know of who are exposing them were unfrocked by their former denominations on doctrinal or moral grounds but because they exposed things that were wrong in the church.

Now if these heretics and Reds in the church can't be disciplined and unfrocked then the Lord's people in those denominations ought to cut off all moral and financial support and withdraw from such denominations and seek membership in fundamental churches of their particular persuasion which have no heretical or communistic connections or sympathies or if need be get together with other true Christians and organize such a church. We will gladly help them. The problem confronting true Christians in the denominations is very simple, if they can't succeed in disciplining and ousting the heretics and Reds they must get out.

The Word of God is very clear and if they are faithful and true to Him they must obey these commands:—

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?-- or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?-- Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;"-- "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness --" II Cor. 6:14-7:1

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove" (i. e. expose) "them". Eph. 5:11

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ADDENDA

NEW ADDRESS, CIRCUIT RIDERS, is 110 Government Place, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. We wish to urge all our readers who wish to be thoroughly informed to write the Circuit Riders and procure the excellent documentation that they have for sale.

Since the date of our first printing of this booklet, Circuit Riders have come out with a new book:

"A COMPILATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

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BAPTIST CLERGYMEN"

For some reason it has not been generally known that many Baptist ministers have been cited because of their affiliation with Communist-fronts. We mention a few whose names appear in the above "Compilation". The number following the name indicates the number of times that they have been cited: Russell B. Barbour 12, J. Burt Bouman 12, John W. Bradbury 16, Otto P. Churchill 8, Bernard C. Clausen 12, Donald B. Cloward 17, George L. Collins 9, Edwin T. Dahlberg 25, Harry Emerson Fosdick 17, Edward A. Freeman 9, L. H. R. Hass 11, F. D. Haynes 7, J. Raymond Henderson 8, Everett C. Herrick 11, Charles A. Hill 125, D. V. Jemison 20, W. H. Jernagin 39, Mordecai W. Johnson 20, J. Spencer Kennard, Jr. 58, Martin Luther King, Jr. 8, David N. Licorish 16, Bernard M. Loomer 31, Kirtley F. Mather 112, Benjamin E. Mays 37, Louie D. Newton 11, Edwin McNeill Poteat 42, Gordon Poteat 15, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. 114, Sandy F. Ray 13, Ben Richardson 33, D. R. Sharpe 28, Stanley I. Stuber 14, Gardner C. Taylor 12, Leroy Waterman 66, Robert Whitaker 26, Owen H. Whitfield 11, W. C. Williamson 8. These men are prominent members of the Northern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, etc.

Reader if you are a Baptist by all means send for the above "Compilation", and ascertain first hand, the frightful state of affairs that have come to pass in the various Baptist Conventions.

CIRCUIT RIDERS have also just released,

"COMPILATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS 42% OF UNITARIAN CLERGYMEN AND 450 RABBIS".

We refer to conditions in the Unitarian Church on page 18 of our booklet. For a long time we have been aware that many Jewish Rabbis have been active in Communist-fronts. This new publication gives their names and the fronts with which they have been affiliated.

THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL "COMPILATIONS"

First, on Roman Catholics who have been involved in radical labor, socialistic, communist-front, race strife activities and attacks on the House Un-American Activities Committee. The Catholic Church has been heavily infiltrated abroad, and to some extent it has been infiltrated here at home, but not near as much perhaps as the Protestant. The "CATHOLIC WORKER" which boasts of its Roman Catholic affinities and support, including members of the Catholic clergy, is definitely a leftist, pacifistic, pro-communist publication and needs to be investigated and exposed. One thing that the public needs to know is the criminal and pro-communist record of many in the labor movement which is now trying to dominate the country under the Kennedy Administration and to whom he is obligated.

Secondly, there is need for a "compilation" dealing with liberal and slanted newspaper writers, radio, and T.V. commentators and lawyers. Marquis Childs, who usually can be relied upon to belittle conservatives, recently sought to discredit the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the film the committee has released, "OPERATION ABOLITION." This frightening film portrays the terrible communist inspired student riots in San Francisco, involving perhaps 5,000 students, and sympathizers. Everyone interested in safeguarding America and our Christian faith from the communist menace should see this film. We commend most highly the various concerns and organizations which are showing it over the country. These riots were in opposition, Childs admits, to the investigation of communist infiltration in the colleges. By quoting others, Childs would leave his readers under the impression that the House Committee encouraged these riots for publicity purposes and because commercial firms were involved in its production that what is shown isn't reliable. We saw the picture and it was a horrible, sickening revelation of what is going on in the hearts and minds of thousands of students who have come under the devilish, satanic, influence of pro-communist college professors and slanted text books. The colleges involved in such things, and also the professors and text books, need to be investigated and exposed. The University of Pittsburgh was recently exposed by the Pittsburgh Press because it had a pro-Red professor on the faculty with many communist-front connections, whose presence there was defended by the Chancellor and other members of the faculty. The usual defense, is academic freedom. But this isn't academic freedom, this is academic license and treason. It is a crime of first magnitude to take tax payers' money and use it to help pay the salary, and also running expenses of the University, of a professor who poisons the minds of the students and sows seeds of treason. Such institutions should be cut off from public funds until they clean house of every single pro-Red professor and text book. We commend the Pittsburgh Press for exposing the case mentioned.

It is unthinkable that anyone would seek, as have Marquis Childs and others, to discredit the House Un-American Activities Committee for exposing such a deplorable and alarming situation. It is time that good Americans protest most vigorously the efforts of liberal, leftist, columnists whose writings imperil the nation and encourage such riots. Mrs. Walter Ferguson to the contrary in her commendable column in the Pittsburgh Press recently, deplored the fact that university professors in the San Francisco area would permit students to absent themselves from classes to participate in such disgraceful pro-Red riots. Perhaps if the truth were known some of the professors encouraged the riots. Mrs. Ferguson also deplored what students learn in many colleges, declaring, "I BELIEVE AMERICAN EDUCATION SHOULD EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN TO BE AMERICANS." To this we add our hearty, Amen!

We need also to strongly protest slanted radio and T.V. programs which espouse the leftist cause or attack and malign true conservatives. We have particularly in mind, Edward R. Murrow and Drew Pearson concerning whom we have heard many criticisms. Frankly, we wonder why their sponsors back such programs and the various stations carry them. They wouldn't if enough of us protested, and boycotted both the sponsor's products and the stations carrying them. Conservatives are in the majority in America and they need to get together and put a stop to such things. Also, if the Democrats and Republicans in Congress who are supposed to be conservatives, and the 22 Republican turn coats who voted to change the Rules Committee to permit the enacting of a lot of socialistic legislation, would get together and stand their ground, and refuse to be intimidated or bought, those who are supposed to be conservatives could control Congress and put an end to further ruinous socialistic legislation which is bankrupting America, squandering our resources, and

THIS IS THE GOSPEL

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;"

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory, what I have preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;"

"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

I Cor. 15:14.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rom. 6:23

"—love one another, as I have loved you—"

Jno. 13:34

"—I go to prepare a place for you"

Jno. 14:2

THE SATANIC GOSPEL OF COMMUNISM

Religion is the opiate of the masses. Take God and Christ, heaven and hell and "spit on them." This is their creed.

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The communist state is supreme, the individual is nothing, and man comes from nowhere and death is the end.

MANY APOSTATE PREACHERS WHO DENY THE TRUE GOSPEL HAVE ESPOUSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SOCIAL GOSPEL OF KARL MARX.

aiding communism abroad and at home. But the deplorable thing is as HUMAN EVENTS depicts in their Roster of Congressmen, dated January 27, 1961, (which is based on the ACA-Index, Americans for Constitutional Action, headed up by Admiral Ben Moreel), many supposed conservative congressmen when they are home among their constituents talk like conservatives, but when they are down in Washington vote like socialists. These two timing congressmen need to be called to time. Get the "Roster" and look up the voting records of your Senators and Congressmen. You are apt to be in for a shock as we were here in Pittsburgh, Pa., by discovering that the Republican Congressmen representing our area had averages of 44 and 50 and the two Democratic incumbents rated a zero. This is disgraceful, and needs to be corrected. Our Republican Senator rated a 57 and the Democrat a 4 out of a possible 100. We would like to see much better report cards next year. State socialism and communism not only weakens the nation but both are an attack upon the church of Christ depriving it and its members of rights and also of finances the government confiscates. If in reading the "Roster" you discover that your representatives in Congress are doing a good job write and tell them so and give them every support and encouragement. They need it for they are constantly under pressure. If they are not doing a good job, tell them that. The address of HUMAN EVENTS is 410 First Street, N. E., Washington 3, D. C.

President Kennedy did the unthinkable thing of appointing Edward R. Murrow head of the U. S. Information Agency and we can well surmise that a lot of the information that he releases will be a detriment to the nation. Concerning his appointment, Human Events under date of February 10, 1961 declares, "Murrow, too has made almost a holy crusade in championing left-wingers and security risks such as Owen Lattimore, Harry Dexter White and J. Robert Oppenheimer." We suppose that this is part of President Kennedy's present "soft approach" on communism, for if Murrow is up to form his releases beamed abroad will hardly ruffle the liberals or the communists, but his barbs will be sunk into the conservatives. Several other Kennedy appointments are equally disturbing and passage no good for America, judging by the past connections of the men involved, their desire to recognize Red China and to repeal the Connally Amendment and place the nation under the control of a World Court stacked against us including our own representative thereon, Philip C. Jessup who was elected to the post by the U. N. General Assembly. Jessup has been cited 6 times because of communist-front connections. When President Truman wished to appoint him to the United Nations General Assembly the Senate refused to confirm him. It was Jessup who edited the notorious white paper put out by the State Department, just a year before Korea, which informed the world that the United States was giving the green light to the so called "agrarian reformers" in China who eventually turned out to be Communists. Jessup is charged with being one of the State Department's policy-makers whose blunders, intentional or otherwise, definitely aided the Communist cause in China, Korea and elsewhere in the Far East. We agree with the New York World-Telegram of November 12, 1960, in its declaration, "We still doubt he commands the fullest confidence of the American people and is therefore unacceptable as our representative on the World Court."—"Keep Jessup home."

RENEWED ATTEMPTS TO ABOLISH UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Un-American Activities Committee for years has been under the fire of beatniks in arts, letters and sciences, Felix Frankfurter's "happy hot dogs" (graduates of his law school days), labor barons, and as you might expect communist-front members among the clergy and in the field of education. Prominent in such activity have been men like Bishop O'Donnell of the Methodist Church and Dr. John A. Mackay of the Presbyterian Church. Both have long communist-front records.

Recently a heterogenous aggregation of such august intellects together with a few others we would rather believe were mislead "dupes" pulled off with the assistance of the Washington Post, one of the biggest deceptions ever perpetrated on the unsuspecting public. We refer to the 2 page ad in the Washington Post for January 2, 1961, which was an effort to discredit the House Un-American Activities Committee and petitioned Congress to abolish it. The names of the signers were given together with their rank in the arts, sciences, law, medicine, education, labor and religion. It was really a very imposing array of names and titles and no doubt made quite an impression on uninformed readers who knew nothing about the political views of the signers, nor their affiliations. We say that the whole thing was a gross deception for the signers were not honest enough to show their true colors, and where if involved, to indicate the shocking number of times, that they the signers, had personally been cited because of subversive and communist-front affiliations and pro-communist activities. Some of the most notorious communist-front supporters in the country signed that petition, which was obviously set up to deceive and mislead the readers into believing that all the signers were very reputable persons of unquestionable connections when in a great many instances such was not the case. Newspapermen like to leave the impression that they know everything about everything and everybody. The staff of the Washington Post should have been aware of the background of many of the signers, and if they were not aware, they could have checked the record like good reporters should do, and not have become involved in such a gross deception. Surely the editorial staff of the Washington Post knew the record of Harry Bridges one of the signers.

If conservatives tried to reply to this ad in a paid ad of their own, and sought to alert the public to the communist-front connections of many who signed that petition, do you suppose that the Washington Post would accept such an ad from the conservatives? It is practically a foregone conclusion that they wouldn't. We have had experience with liberal newspapers before. Most likely they would declare as have others that what the conservatives wished to do was controversial. But it isn't controversial to deceive and mislead the public, to attack and villify members of the Un-American Activities Committee who are seeking to safeguard America and our cherished liberties from communist attacks from within, or for a newspaper to be a sounding board for the pro-communists, pro-socialists, one-worlders and other brands of leftists.

This petition was one of the most brazen, disgraceful, un-American, slanted, and discriminating pieces of advertising ever carried by a newspaper. Washington definitely needs a more conservative and reliable newspaper and the reading public should demand it, and protest such deception as was perpetrated by that ad.

Many of the signers as we have been saying were leftist churchmen, lawyers, a few doctors (most doctors have better sense than to sign a thing like that), educators, scientists, labor leaders, writers, etc. As we have said above some who signed that petition were quite likely "dupes". It would be interesting to know if they were all aware of the identity and background of the other signers, and that at least one had been indicted for being a communist?

We give the names of some of the signers and after each name, where necessary, a number which indicates the number of times these signers have been cited because of communist-front activities or membership.

First the clergymen: Bishop Clarence R. Haden, Jr. Epis.; Bishop Walter Mitchell, Epis. 80; Rev. Gale Seamon, Bapt.; Bishop Sumner F. Walters, Epis.; Bishop John Wesley Lord, Meth. 6; Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 8; Rev. Ray Bond, Meth.; Rev. Fred Cappuccino, Meth.; Rev. Jos. H. Evans, Pres. Chicago Urban League; Dr. A. Eustace Haydon, Meth. 32;

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE CHURCHES

by

Dr. W. O. H. Garman, Th.M., D.D.

Rev. Carl Soule, Meth. 3; Bishop J. Claude Allen, Chris. Meth.; Bishop Arthur W. Womack, Meth.; Bishop C. Eubank Tucker, Meth.; Bishop Edgar A. Love, Meth. 5; Dr. John A. Mackay, Presb. 48; Rev. Gardner M. Day, Epis. 8; Rev. John Paul Jones, Presb. 60; Dr. Walter G. Muelder, Meth. 13; Bishop Malcolm Endicott Peabody, Epis.; Rev. Henry Hitt Crane, Meth. 27; Rev. Chas. A. Hill, Bapt. 125; Rev. Jas. H. Laird, Meth. 5; Dean John C. Bennett, Union Seminary, 16; Bishop Allen W. Brown, Epis.; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Bapt. 17; Rev. A. J. Muste, Presb. 11; Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, Presb. 4; Dean Grady D. Davis, 3; Rev. Harry R. Roach, etc.

Second the professors and scientists: Paul A. Baron, 5; David Blackwell 2; Emile Holman, 4; Thos. I. Emerson, Law. 31; Fowler V. Harper, Law. 26; Harold D. Lasswell, Law. 3; Geo. E. Axtelle 19; Ray A. Billington, 12; Carl W. Condit 4; Wm. C. Davidson 3; Kermit Eby 33; Geo. M. Gibson 14; Joseph Haroutunian 4; A. Eustace Haydon 32; Mark D. Howe 3; Wm. Ernest Hocking 28; Stringfellow Barr 28; Eric Kahler 23; Solomon Lefechtz 3; Verne Countryman 2; Robt. S. Lynd 75; Reinhold Niebuhr 14; Harold Shapley, etc.

Third Rabbis: Rabbi Maurice B. Pekarsky, Rabbi Eric Friedland, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, Rabbi Morris Adler, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisen-drath, Pres. of Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Isaac Klein, Rabbi Stanley R. Brav, and Rabbi Harry B. Pastor.

Fourth members American Friends Service Committee: Whenever pacifistic, socialistic, or other leftist interests are involved, members of the American Friends Service Committee will very often be found listed among the supporters. The following were in this case: Edwin A. Sanders, Exec.; Ben Seaver, Stewart Meacham, Executive; and Clarence E. Pickett, Executive. Like other unitarians and apostates from the historic Christian faith, the Friends in increasing numbers have turned to the ruinous, satanic, social gospel inspired by Karl Marx.

Fifth, Harry Bridges and others: The labor leaders and lawyers we will not attempt to mention, save the notorious red Harry Bridges. We can't imagine that any true American would want their signatures on the same petition with Bridges. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's name as is to be expected also appeared.

Such is the complexion of the aggregation which signed the "petition". When you examine the communist-front activities of many of them it is understandable why they would desire to abolish the Committee that exposed them. It must be realized that if they gained their objective and the Committee on Un-American Activities were abolished, and in some cases they also succeeded in hamstringing the F.B.I., communist traitors, saboteurs, and spies would be free to operate within the country and the nation would be at their mercy. America would soon fall.

What is needed is to strengthen the hands of the House Committee and the F.B.I. and curtail the Supreme Court which is becoming notorious for its decisions which favor the communists and hinder the work of enforcing agencies which because of Supreme Court decisions work at a great disadvantage. Also something needs to be done, and done soon about the teachers and preachers with communist-front records. For one thing Christians should stop contributing toward the support of such pastors, church leaders and the denominations to which they belong. If they can't get rid of them they ought to withdraw and join a church which will not tolerate treason to God and country.

**THE CASE FOR SEPARATION AS SEEN, BELIEVED AND
PRACTISED BY CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON**

"I have taken a deep interest in the struggles of the orthodox brethren, but I have never advised those struggles, nor entertained the slightest hope of their success. My course has been of another kind.

"As soon as I saw, or thought I saw, that error had become firmly established, I did not deliberate, but quitted the body at once. Since then my counsel has been 'come out from among them.' I have felt that no protest could be equal to that of distinct separation."

—From the writings of Chas. H. Spurgeon

This issue is as alive now as in Spurgeon's day. No Christian should support apostasy which attacks Christ and the Bible—millions do! Do you?

"Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" (2 Chron. 19:2)

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Dr. W. O. H. GARMAN
Chairman, Christians For Action
President, Associated Gospel Churches
1919 Beech Street
Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania

Basis of Fellowship

The Associated Gospel Churches believes in the absolute sovereignty and independence of the local Church. It is baptistic in policy and belief, and stands for complete separation from all apostasy and compromise. It subscribes without reservation to the doctrines of the historic faith as expressed, or revealed, in the Word of God, including:

- A. The trinity. John 16:12-15, Matthew 28:19.
- B. The deity of Christ. Rom. 1:3, 4, John 10:30.
- C. The virgin birth of Christ. Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35, John 1:14.
- D. The personality of the Holy Spirit. John 16:7-15, Luke 3:22.
- E. The supernatural and verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures: II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:19-21.
- F. The Substitutionary and Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ: Heb. 9:22, I Peter 1:18-20.
- G. The necessity of the new birth. John 3:3, 5, 7, 16-18, I John 5:4-6.
- H. The maintenance of good works. Eph. 2:8-10, John 15:16, Titus 3:8, 14.
- I. The literal, bodily, pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Act 1:11, I Thes. 4:16-18.
- J. The resurrection of the saved and lost. Rev. 20:4-6, John 5:28, 29.
- K. The reality and personality of Satan. Luke 4:1-13, Gen. 3:1-5, Rev. 20:9, 10.
- L. The endless punishment of unbelievers. John 8:24, II Thes. 1:7-9, Rev. 14:10, 11.
- M. The endless blessedness of true believers. John 5:24, 14:1-6, Rom. 8:18.
- N. Christian ordinances. The Lord's Supper. Luke 22:19, 20, I Cor. 11:23-31. Baptism by immersion. Mt. 28:19, 20, Acts 8:38, Rom. 6:1-5.
- O. Separation — The A.G.C. not only stands for separation from all apostasy, Scripturally forbidden alliances, and compromise, (II Cor. 6:14—7:1) but it maintains that one of the weaknesses of fundamentalism is that so many do not live lives in keeping with their doctrinal position, that fundamentalism is in dire need of cleansing and revival, and urges fundamentalists everywhere to pray for a great moving of the Spirit of God in all our ranks.

Advantages of Membership in The Associated Gospel Churches

FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE AGENCY — The A.G.C. is not a denomination but an independent fellowship of fundamental, Bible believing, gospel preaching, autonomous churches, various Christian workers, laymen, and students. It is also a service agency for Chaplains, Missionaries, Pastors, Churches, Christian Schools, etc.

REGIONALS — Various regionals have been formed to promote area endeavors.

ORDINATION — Applicants who meet the standards of Article XI of the by-laws, may be ordained by this fellowship and receive a parchment so attesting. Ordinarily, the request comes from the local church of which the applicant is a member or pastor.

CHAPLAINCY — Members of the Associated Gospel Churches seeking entrance to the chaplaincy may receive ecclesiastical endorsement from this fellowship. The A.G.C. is fully recognized by the Department of Defense.

MISSIONARIES — The A.G.C. will grant letters of recommendation, and will assist missionaries in securing passports and visas. Contact our office for information on recommended Mission Boards.

EVANGELISTS — The Associated Gospel Churches will grant letters of recommendation to evangelist members.

MISSIONS — The mission arm of the A.G.C. is the Associated Gospel Mission.

ENDORSEMENT — The A.G.C. will be happy to endorse sound, separated, uncompromising schools, missions, etc., which are in agreement with our own position.

THEOLOGICAL POSITION — Fundamental, Evangelical, Separatist, Pre-millennial.

SCOPE — The membership is located in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and other states, Italy, Spain, the Philippines, Ceylon, Kenya, and South America.

Why An A.G.C.

Many of God's people today are heart sick, some, because of so much apostasy, denial of the faith, the use of a perverted inaccurate R.S.V. Bible, communist infiltration especially among leaders, and unscriptural pacifism in their denominations. They should withdraw from such denominations.

Others who in obedience to God's commands have left such denominations have sometimes been disillusioned because they and other fundamentalists have occasionally found the ranks of fundamentalism torn, and split by faction and strife, by selfish personality conflicts, by attempts at dictatorship and power politics, by sin and hypocrisy, by lack of love and the manifestation of the Spirit of God.

For some time within our A.G.C. circle there has been a growing conviction that fundamentalism could well refrain from spending so much time attacking the communists, modernists, and other enemies of the Christian faith who should indeed be exposed, and spend more time acknowledging and confessing our own sins, and praying for revival in our own ranks. If fundamentalism had more of the spirit and power of the church in Acts, which turned the world of its day upside down for Christ, we wouldn't have to worry so much about the enemy outside. We would be spiritually strong and prevailing.

An increasing number of independent fundamental churches are requesting the A.G.C. to represent them in matters of the chaplaincy in addition to quite a few students in fundamental schools. This we are glad to do.

Write for an application blank or concerning your need. Please pray for us.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-388425)

DATE: MAY 5 1961

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-33018)

SUBJECT: CARL BRADEN
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(OO:LS)*Religious*

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memo concerning a petition for executive clemency for subject. Listed below are numbers of same memo being sent to offices receiving copies of this letter:

Atlanta - 4; Baltimore - 1; Birmingham - 1; Charlotte - 2; Dallas - 1; Jacksonville - 1; Knoxville - 1; Louisville - 3; Mobile - 2; Norfolk - 1; Richmond and Savannah - 1.

The information was furnished by [] and is filed in 100-33018 - 1A2.

Source used in describing the SCEF is []

WFO will disseminate locally to ONI, PRNC; G-2, MDW; and OSI, Fourth District.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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MAY 5 1961

CARL BRADEN
SECURITY MATTER - C

On May 2, 1961, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that some people in the Washington, D.C., area had received letters with the return address of [redacted] Atlanta 18, Georgia. These letters enclosed a petition for clemency addressed to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States. The petitions requested presidential clemency for Carl Braden to "reaffirm the position of the Federal Government supporting peaceful and orderly integration in the South."

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The petitions state Braden was subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in 1958, refused to answer certain questions, was convicted for contempt and was sentenced to serve one year in jail. This conviction was upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

The letters enclosing the petitions state as follows:

"Dear Friend:

"Enclosed is a copy of a petition for executive clemency in the case of Carl Braden. It will be presented to President Kennedy as soon as possible, if the United States Supreme Court denies Mr. Braden's petition for a rehearing, which is now pending.

"As Southerners working for progress in our region, we are all concerned about the precedent being set in this case and its effect on the integration movement. All indications point to increased use by segregationists of this kind of intimidation.

"We urge you to join us as signers of this petition.

"Sincerely"

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RE: CARL BRADEN

These letters are signed by the following individuals:

(The Reverend)

Ralph D. Abernathy
Montgomery, Alabama

(The Reverend)

[REDACTED]
Norfolk, Virginia

[REDACTED]
Charlottesville, Virginia

[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas

[REDACTED]
Mayesville, South Carolina

(The Reverend)

[REDACTED]
Raleigh, North Carolina

(The Reverend)

[REDACTED]
Americus, Georgia

(The Reverend)

Martin Luther King
Atlanta, Georgia

(The Reverend)

[REDACTED]
Shelbyville, Tennessee

(Bishop)

[REDACTED]
Baltimore, Maryland

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Louisville, Kentucky

(The Reverend)

[REDACTED]
Birmingham, Alabama

(The Reverend)

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Tallahassee, Florida

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RE: CARL BRADEN

(Bishop)

[redacted]
Louisville, Kentucky

(The Reverend)

[redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia

Aubrey W. Williams
Montgomery, Alabama

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Linville Falls, North Carolina

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A slip of paper also enclosed states:

"The enclosed letter and petition are sent to you for your personal attention, in the hope that you will add your signature, but they are not for publication at this time. We request that there be no publicity on this matter at this moment.

"When the list of signatures to the petition is complete, a news release will be issued, and you will be sent a copy immediately."

On December 22, 1959, the source identified Carl Braden as Field Secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF).

A description of the SCEF is attached to this memorandum. Sources used in this description have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] Louisville, Kentucky, admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP) in Louisville, Kentucky, testified in court in Jefferson County, Kentucky, that Carl Braden and his wife, Anne Braden, were known to her as members of the CP in Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to December, 1954.

The CP, U.S.A., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RE: CARL BRADEN

APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

The Southern Patriot, a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

The Southern Patriot was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

The CP-USA has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

The Memphis South District - The Methodist Church

Memphis, Tennessee

April 7, 1961

RESIDENCE

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OFFICE

THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
1399 AIRWAYS BOULEVARD
SUITE 203 - FA 4-5213

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently there has been held in the city of Memphis a series of meetings of self-styled fighters of Communism. Among some of the statements quoted from them in the Press has been the statement that there are 2,109 known Communists among the clergy of the Methodist Church. It has been further implied that your Bureau has the authentic information in this matter. I for one am greatly concerned about the threat of Communism in the world, and certainly want to be alert to the dangers that might be in our country and especially in our ministry. As [redacted] in a large city district and also as a representative of this Annual Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference of our church, I want to be able to answer factually questions that are asked me.

Therefore, I am writing you to ask you to please advise me as to what information you have, and which you can make public, that deals with the clergy in general and especially the clergy in the Methodist Church. Will you please advise me whether or not you have in your files such a list of clergymen, and if this list is for public information, I wish you would please forward it to me.

I certainly want to take my stand against Communism and Communistic influences regardless of where they are found, but at the same time, I do not want to see our Methodist Church, or any other body, wronged by misrepresentation.

Thanking you for furnishing any such information as is available, I am

Yours very truly,

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April 17, 1961

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Memphis, Tennessee

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of April 7 and do appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

It is always pleasing to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedoms. In response to the matter you discussed, I am forwarding some material which may be of assistance to you. In addition, you may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local public library. On pages 324 through 326 you will find a full discussion of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate religious groups. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life.

Concerning your specific request, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you in this respect and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this matter about which you inquired.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

3-26-47 statement before HCUA

Communist poster

Enclosures (5) One Nation's Response to Communism

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Trinity Presbyterian Church
TUCSON, ARIZONA

MINISTERS:

April 5, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Communist Infiltration Into Religion

As President of the Arizona Council of Churches and Minister of one of the largest Presbyterian Churches in the Southwest, I am constantly confronted with charges of "communism in the churches." I am sure that you are thoroughly aware of this problem and the dilemma in which I find myself.

Our community is about to be visited again by Edgar C. Bundy, Carl McIntyre, et al. On his last visit to Tucson, Mr. Bundy made his usual appeal by saying that "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover says Communists are invading the churches" and proceeded to quote you for several minutes to this effect. Most of the venom is, of course, directed to the churches identified with the National and World Council of Churches.

I have read different statements by you on different occasions pointing out that the Communists try to infiltrate the churches and I am aware of our need to be constantly on guard. However, I am equally sure that you are repeatedly misquoted or that your statements are lifted out of context. I wonder if you have made any clear-cut statement on this matter that is in print or if you are at liberty to do so. A few months ago, we had Mr. William Sullivan of your department in our church. He spoke forthrightly and I have before me a quotation from a current periodical in which he says, "There can be no question as to the loyalty of the over-whelming majority of the American clergy to the nation and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism." I assume that this represents your view also.

Clergymen of our Church are trying to do a good job and do not deserve the harassment given us by certain people who seem to thrive on cultivating discord. A word from you would be helpful in refuting many of their absurd claims. Certainly you ought not to be quoted as supporting their contentions.

Sincerely yours,

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Trinity Presbyterian Church
740 North Fourth Avenue
Tucson, Arizona

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your letter of April 5, 1961. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me and I can well appreciate your concern with the matters you discussed.

In response to your inquiry, may I mention that I have made statements several times concerning the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate our religious institutions since such endeavors are in its over-all program of attempting to control all mass-type organizations. We must remain continually alert to these efforts. You may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local public library and you will find this topic more fully discussed on pages 324 through 326.

With reference to your quotation attributed to Mr. Sullivan, I should like to point out in discussing communism he dealt with this subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy. In this connection, I am forwarding a copy of the complete text of his lecture entitled "Communism and Religion," for your ready reference. You will also find enclosed some additional material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures
Communism and Religion
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Three Part Series on Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The Edgar C. Bundy referred to is the General Chairman of the Church League of America. He is also a former Baptist minister who lectures on communism. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case based on allegation that he may have represented himself to be a former Bureau employee. Our inquiries did not substantiate these allegations. Dr. Carl McIntire is the President of the International Council of Christian Churches. He was an organizer of the American Council of Christian Churches and has been an outspoken foe of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). He has stated publicly that communists are using the NCCC in the United States. The Bureau is aware of his controversial nature and we have had cordial correspondence with him in the past.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. Rosen *ARM* DATE: April 18, 1961

FROM : Mr. G. H. Scatterday *MA*

SUBJECT: BILLY JAMES HARGIS
MAJOR GENERAL C. A. WILLOUGHBY
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The "Washington Daily News," April 15, 1961, contained an ad indicating that Hargis and Willoughby would be the featured speakers at a Save America Rally to be held April 16, 1961. The Director inquired: "What do we know of Hargis and Willoughby? H."

Billy James Hargis is a nondenominational minister who has been described as a "hillbilly evangelist." He is approximately thirty-five years of age and was born in Texas. He was ordained a minister in the Christian Church, but since 1952 has been a nondenominational evangelist. He operates the "Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc," Tulsa, Oklahoma. An official publication of the organization is called the "Christian Crusade." He has been described as a militant anticommunist crusader and conducts regular radio broadcasts as well as speaking throughout the United States and foreign countries. It is said that Hargis's avowed purpose in life is evangelism and combating communism and liberalism in the churches. He vigorously opposes the National Council of Churches. He has traveled in Germany and the Far East, as well as the Dominican Republic. He has launched Bible balloons in Germany in order to bring religion to the Iron Curtain countries. He has contacted [redacted] and Chiang Kai-Shek, both of whom were interested in Bible balloon launchings by Hargis.

In late 1957 the Bureau investigated Hargis under the Registration Act following his meeting with the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and a visit to that country. The Department advised that there was insufficient evidence to establish that he was an agent of the Dominican Republic.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
Re: BILLY JAMES HARGIS
MAJOR GENERAL C. A. WILLOUGHBY

In February, 1960, he received some publicity in connection with the controversial Air Force Training Manual, which alleged communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches. Hargis claimed authorship of the material used by the Air Force in preparing this Training Manual. (97-3475; 100-50869-A)

MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES A. WILLOUGHBY, U.S.A., (ret.)

Major General Charles A. Willoughby, U.S.A., (ret.), was Chief of Intelligence, Far East Command, and Chief, Civil Intelligence Section, Tokyo, Japan, on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur. He was born in Germany on March 8, 1892, and pursued undergraduate courses in Germany and France prior to entering the United States in 1910 to complete his education and obtain U. S. citizenship. He entered the senior class of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. In May, 1914, he obtained a commission as Major, Officers Volunteers Corps, which he vacated to accept a regular Army commission in August, 1916. He served on the Mexican border and in the First World War. He attended various service schools, including the Command and General Staff School and the War College. Throughout the Second World War and later during the occupation of Japan and the Korean conflict, he was Chief of Intelligence on the Staff of General Douglas MacArthur. He was, for more than a decade, attached to the Pacific and South Pacific area.

No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau regarding General Willoughby and our files reveal no derogatory information concerning him. Our files reveal that he has been cooperative with the Bureau and holds the Bureau in high regard. He has frequently commented concerning the outstanding work the Director has done in his position as head of the FBI. The Bureau has had cordial correspondence with General Willoughby.

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
Re: BILLY JAMES HARGIS
MAJOR GENERAL C. A. WILLOUGHBY

in the past, the last letter thanking him in October, 1958, for a condensation of his book, "Shanghai Conspiracy." The book, "Shanghai Conspiracy," written by General Willoughby, was published in 1952, and deals with the Dr. Richard Sorge spy ring. Sorge was convicted of espionage by the Japanese, was sentenced to death, and hanged November 7, 1944. General Willoughby's book presents detailed information on methods of Soviet espionage. (64-31827-7)

The February 11, 1957, issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald" reported that a group of prominent Americans had announced the formation of a Citizens Foreign Relations Committee, which group urged the breaking of diplomatic ties with the communist countries and supporters for "democratic subversion" behind the Iron Curtain. General Willoughby was listed as one of the Directors of the Committee. (105-57327)

"The Ottawa Citizen," Ontario, Canada, issue of May 3, 1957, contained an article indicating that General Willoughby had acknowledged that he supplied security reports on the late E. H. Norman, former Canadian Ambassador to Egypt, to Congressional committees in the United States investigating communism. Norman committed suicide in Cairo, Egypt, April 4, 1957, following testimony before a United States Senate Subcommittee linking him with communism. He was Chief of the Canadian Liaison Mission to General MacArthur's headquarters from 1946 to 1950. (100-346993-155)

In June, 1960, information was received to the effect that General Willoughby was on the Board of Governors of the Federation of Conservatives in Washington, D. C. This organization, formed by Allen A. Zoll, has not been investigated by the Bureau, but Zoll has been described as violently anti-Semitic. (65-10492-145)

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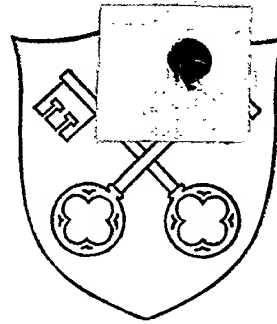
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April 17, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to answer my letter and to supply me with the materials for my study.

I pray that my humble efforts will be of value to my church and to our country in preserving our cherished freedom and peace.

May He, who is the real author of freedom and peace, continue to bless and strengthen you as you serve Him and our country so effectively and efficiently.

Yours in His service,

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Pastor Raps Irresponsible Name-Calling

By NINA McCAIN

The pastor of the nation's largest Methodist church denounced "irresponsible name-calling" and charges of "Communist infiltration" Sunday in a strongly worded sermon to the members of Highland Park Methodist Church.

The Rev. William H. Dickinson Jr. warned that such reckless charges threaten the security of the nation and weaken the church.

He said that those who have been making the charges should examine their own motives and be sure they are "as American and as Christian as they think they are."

"Accusing another person of disloyalty to the nation or to the Christian faith is serious business and can lead to great danger," the Rev. Mr. Dickinson declared.

"But far more deceitful and far more perilous than to call a man or insinuate that a man is a Communist when he is not is to call yourself a Christian when you are not," he said.

Mr. Dickinson, who has been pastor of the 8,750-member church since 1958, lambasted people who make the "Communist infiltration" charges anonymously.

Charges and critical attacks on the church and church members by people unwilling to reveal themselves become more and

more commonplace," he said. "I hear many reports about idle and irresponsible gossip that is carried on at bridge clubs and cocktail parties and patriotic meetings about Highland Park Methodist Church being infiltrated with liberal and socialistic and communistic ideas," he continued. **TEXAS**

"If you have any knowledge of evidence that the teaching, ministry or witness of this church is not Christian in content or motive, I want to know it," he said.

"But I am not interested, nor will I be concerned, with idle rumors or irresponsible gossip about people with whom you happen to disagree on some political or social or economic question," Mr. Dickinson asserted.

He said that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has "repeatedly warned about the vicious and un-American character of reckless charges which one group of citizens hurls against another."

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"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas

Jack B. Krueger, Managing
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Dickinson also condemned the practice of labeling persons as "liberal or conservative, Communist or American, black or white" so that we won't get them mixed up with our brothers."

"If what Jesus Christ said is true . . . all of these labels we use are completely irrelevant. If you are a Christian, every man and any man is no more and no less than a brother," he insisted. "We will not be fighting communism or Communists here," Mr. Dickinson said. "But we will be striving with all our heart, mind and strength to be Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ in precept and example."

"I do not want to appear arrogant or self-righteous," Mr. Dickinson said at the conclusion of his sermon. "But this must be said with firmness. If you do not want to be a Christian more than anything else, and if you are not willing to commit all your interests and your energy to the accomplishment of that task, you need to examine your motives for holding membership in any Christian church."

In a later interview, Mr. Dickinson said that he had had phone calls all afternoon about his sermon and that all the reaction was favorable. "Everyone seems to be grateful for the sermon," he said.



Rev. W. H. Dickinson.
Beware of calling
names.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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[redacted] to a circuit of three Methodist churches. I have been here a little over three months, as I was a [redacted] graduate of [redacted] Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Since residing in this community, I have found that there is an element or influence here which is attempting to convince Methodists and others in this community that The Methodist Church is being led by ministers and men who are Communist-inspired or who are duped by the Communist cause. It is to my knowledge that this slander against The Methodist Church is perpetrated and done by members and devotees of another denomination and sect, and that the purpose apparently is to proselyte members and disrupt The Methodist Church. This of which I speak is not limited to our local community, for part of the disturbing voice is being broadcast over Denham Springs radio station WIBI. Some man by the name of McIntyre who is carried over Station WIBI has this whole area of Louisiana thinking that every Methodist minister is a Communist.

In the current issue of Methodism's "Christian Advocate" (April 13, 1961), there is on page 27, a quote by Chief FBI inspector William C. Sullivan, in which Mr. Sullivan denies that the Protestant denominations have had an alarming infiltration and influence by Communists. He says that much of the slander against Protestant ministers is being led by men who would malign the influence of these men who injure the Communist cause.

There are some questions I wish you would answer for me, so that I may inform my people correctly. First, is there any reason to suspect or suggest that the National Council of Churches is led by men who are inspired or duped by Communism? Second, what justification could one find for saying that The Methodist Church is led by men who are inspired or duped by International Communism? And, third, has any minister of The Methodist Church been prosecuted and convicted of any charge leading out of anti-Americanism or Communism?

I will appreciate any detail to which you will answer these questions. I will appreciate any other information you may give me which will help me to answer the questions my people are asking. And further, I would appreciate knowing what steps could be taken to prevent this man McIntyre from casting such charges as he makes against my church.

Very sincerely,

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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April 21, 1961

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The Methodist Church
Post Office Box 278
Walker, Louisiana

TEXAS

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 17 and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. For the same reason, it will not be possible for me to offer any suggestions as to a course of action with respect to the matters you mentioned. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In response to your other questions, I have always cautioned against confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. In combating communism we must beware of vigilante action. We must always guard against the tendency to characterize as communists those who disagree with us or who advocate unorthodox or unlawful beliefs.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on the subject of communism which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Series from "Christianity Today"

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Is Your Church a Member of The National Council of Churches?

Members listed as of the National Council Churches:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
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AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Northern Baptists)
AMERICAN EVANGEL. LUTHERAN CHURCH
Armenian Church of North America (diocese)
Augustana Evangel. Lutheran Church
Church of the Brethren
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (Disciples of Christ) Internat. Convention
Christian Methodist Epis. Church
Evangelical United Brethren Church
Evangelical Unity of the Czek. Moravian Brethren of N. America
Five Years Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. and South America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION U.S.A., INC.
THE METHODIST CHURCH
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)
National Baptist Convention of America
Polish National Catholic Church of America—this is "old Catholic" and
in communion with the Amer. Episcopal Church

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Reformed Church in America
Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Seventh Day Baptists, General Conference
Ukranian Orthodox Church of America
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
United Lutheran Church in America
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.

Does the NCC Speak for Protestantism on Social and Political Issues?

Time and again the NCC has posed itself as the voice of Protestantism. This was not or is not a power they were given, have earned, or even have. But, they make the voice known—supposedly as the representation of 38,000,000 Protestants.

Too often, the NCC or its committees pass resolutions or make stands that are too far to the “left” for most Americans to accept. Among these are:

1. Recognition of Communist China by the U.S.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Progress toward universal disarmament by multilateral agreement (i.e. U.N.)

(Note: This makes our armed forces subject to the Russian veto.)

4. Abolishment of military conscription and allow Selective Service to lapse.
5. They lobbied against and defeated the Bricker Amendment which would make it unlawful to make treaties that were in violation of the U. S. Constitution.
6. They advocated repeal of the McCarran Act that prevents known Communists and other undesirables from immigrating to the U.S.
7. They took a stand against “Right to Work” laws saying they were unChristian.
8. They would do away with the House Un-American Activities Committee.
9. They favor repealing the Connally Reservation which permits the United States to determine for itself what are domestic issues for the United States rather than leaving this jurisdiction to the World Court. This could lead to our losing the control of the Panama Canal, change in our tariff policies, etc.
10. They favor Federal Aid to Education which would deprive us even more of our freedom.
11. They favor the Forand Bill which would bring socialized medicine.
12. They are strong on the liberal viewpoints on integration.
13. They demand more and more foreign aid to other countries.

The National Council of Churches goes all out for the “One World”, “One Court”, “One Church” idea. In economics they take the extreme liberal and socialistic viewpoint toward sharing the wealth, socialized medicine, government control. They publish booklets and pamphlets for study by church groups giving their viewpoints on these subjects, thereby leading the readers to believe that this is God’s will.

Ref.: WHY ONE CHURCH’S CONSCIENCE SPOKE OUT AGAINST
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE
U.S.A.

For the N.C.C. to deny that Communism has infiltrated into some churches is pure stupidity. This is a matter of fact and numerous ministers have admitted their communistic affiliations. The Communist have announced this as one of their goals.

Ref.: Masters of Deceit Chapter 23
J. Edgar Hoover

HERBERT PHILBRICK, author of "I Led Three Lives," and for nine years an undercover agent for the F.B.I. said, "We are losing the fight for freedom—there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

The National Council of Churches does not advocate any theology except the recognition of Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. It does not ask for **personal** acceptance of Jesus Christ, but lets each church determine upon what foundation a person becomes a Christian. But, many of the leaders and theologians most prominent in the NCC are liberal in their theology. Here are some of the beliefs of this hierarchy.

1. The Bible is a mythology.
2. Jesus was sinful.
3. Jesus was not God.
4. They do not believe in substitutionary atonement.
5. They do not believe in Hell.
6. They do not believe in the Virgin Birth.
7. They do not believe in the Second Coming of Christ.

For more information you can study the books of:

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr

Dr. Paul Tillich

Sources for Study Material

Many churches have asked for sources of information to conduct studies of their own on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Listed below are some of the more prominent ones. There are many others. It is a common practice of the NCC to attack the individual or the organization issuing such reports and to label them Apostles of Discord. However, in practically every instance, you will find that the facts presented have been verified and have not been challenged for authenticity.

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- "Organized Communism in the United States"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., August 19, 1953.
- "100 Things You Should Know About Communism"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., May 14, 1951 pamphlet. On page 29 there is a section devoted to "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."
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- "The Powers That Be" by Edmund A. Opitz, case studies of the Church in Politics. Foundation for Social Research, 1521 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 17, California.
- "Authority and Power in the Free Church Tradition," by Paul M. Harrison. A social case study of the American Baptist Convention, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.
- "Why One Church's Conscience Spoke Against The N.C.C. of Christ in the U.S.A.,"—First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

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**ORGANIZATION, PUBLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN
SUPPLY VARIOUS MATERIAL ON THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Human Events, 408 First Street S.E., Washington 3, D.C.
Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th Avenue, Cincinnati 2, Ohio
Herbert A. Philbrick, National Layman's Council of Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue,
Wheaton, Illinois.
Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Dan Smoot Reports, P.O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas.
America's Futures, Inc., 542 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y.
American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisc.
Allen Bradley Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Ask for "Will You Be Free To Celebrate Christmas
In the Future" article.)
Rex M. Harlow, 5172 E. Harry, Wichita, Kansas. (Ask for letter from Walter Reuther commending the
NCC on its labor policies.)
Christian Crusade, P.O. Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Dr. E. F. Weber, P.O. Box 1144, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
The Southern Presbyterian Journal, Weaverville, North Carolina.
Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Box 890, Long Beach 1, California.
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Mutual Broadcasting Co., Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For specific information on the political and social viewpoint of the
National Council of Churches, write to the National Council of Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and
ask for material on the subject you desire.

**Actions taken by The N. C. C. at
General Assembly Meeting in
San Francisco, December - 1960**

1. Adopted a \$15,704,400 (m) budget for 1961, including \$2,365,000
for shipping surplus food and other aid to needy areas overseas.
2. Praised the clergymen and citizens of New Orleans who have upheld
the "worth of every individual, without regard to race or color" in
the face of "rising hysteria and mob violence" against school integration.

3. Advocated "responsible and democratic labor organization" among the nation's million migratory farm workers to raise their wages and sub-standard living conditions.

4. Heard a comprehensive report from foreign missionaries, charging American apathy to oppression in other lands contributed to communist inroads in Cuba and elsewhere. They urged support for reform struggles in backward areas.

5. Asked God's blessing on president-elect John F. Kennedy and vice president-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, praying that they be guided by God's will to lead the country in "paths of peace and justice for all mankind."

6. Condemned state and local laws barring aid to dependent children because of illegitimate birth.

7. Urged strengthening of the United Nations as "power for peace among nations," and said Americans should be ready to accept the fact it may sometime—through its democratic processes—override the will of the United States.

8. Call for "pioneering programs" by this country to heed God's command and share our wealth of technical knowledge and farm surpluses to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

9. Appealed for an end to discrimination in employment against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people, Indians, Jews, and Americans of oriental descent.

10. Recommended a continuing "dialogue with Roman Catholics" on religious liberty and other church matters.

11. Re-elected Dr. Roy G. Ross, as council's general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin Espy, as associate general secretary.

12. Urged aid to Cuban refugees in Florida.

13. Weighed a report on the "state of the churches" terming the present period "the most cataclysmic in a recorded history," and declaring the churches "dare not proceed on a business-as-usual' basis."

14. Elected Miller, a scholarly 51-year-old multimillionaire who teaches Sunday school in his hometown of Columbus, Ind., as the first layman to lead the council in its 10-year history.

Ref. Reprinted from December 11, 1960 Nashville Tennessean.

Compiled by Committee for Individual Responsibility

Reprints of this pamphlet 10 cents each. Write: P. O. Box 6603 Nashville 12, Tenn.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: April 27, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The "Weekly Trends" submitted by New York letter dated 4/18/61 (Bufile 66-8603-1-34-1318), contained information concerning a meeting of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), Negro Commission which was held in New York City on 4/8-9/61. Approximately 25 persons were in attendance including representatives from Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore and the State of Virginia.

The main discussion at the meeting concerned proposals on how the CP should attempt to exert influence at the coming conventions of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) and the National Baptist Convention. It was decided this influence should take the form of urging the conventions to call a meeting of Negro leaders to see what could be done toward: (1) implementing the NAACP slogan of "Freedom by '63"; (2) urging these Negro leaders to support the 15 point program of the NALC; and (3) getting these Negro leaders to inject the peace element in their efforts. Three committees were established, one for each convention, to work on carrying out these three proposals.

The above information was previously received by New York airtel 4/11/61 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question" and was disseminated to the intelligence agencies.

ACTION:

This is submitted for record and file purposes in Bufile 100-403529 re "Communism and Religion."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/12/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Miss Gandy	✓

Transmitted herewith is a pamphlet entitled "SHOULD YOU BE DISTURBED?" This pamphlet was made available to SA [redacted] by [redacted] (RAC) who stated that the pamphlet was being distributed by [redacted] and [redacted]. The informant was of the opinion that the Committee For Individual Responsibility, who allegedly compiled this pamphlet, is a front for the John Birch Society. It will be noted that [redacted] of one of the alleged distributors, is one of the leaders of the John Birch Society. It will be noted that the pamphlet is in general an attack on the National Council of Churches and alleges that this organization is communist infiltrated. In this regard there is a reference to the book, "Masters of Deceit" by the Director.

On April 5, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, advised that [redacted] is rented by [redacted]

This material is submitted for information purposes and no action is being taken by the Memphis Division UACB.

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Church Press Role Hailed In Exposing Birch Society

125 Editors Hear Praises Of Attacks on 'Neo-Fascists'

BY DAVE MEADE

Daily News Religion Writer

The nation's church press was praised here Wednesday for denouncing the activities of such organizations as the John Birch Society.

"The best and most probing analyses of the John Birch Society are appearing in church magazines," said the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler, editor of the League Messenger, Chicago - publication of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.



REV. KLAUSLER

"They are not only denouncing the John Birch group but they are also offering a positive

approach in meeting propaganda of the neo-fascists of the 1960s," he told the opening convention session of Associated Church Press.

The Rev. Mr. Klausler is general program chairman of the group's annual meeting being held through Friday in the Hamilton Hotel, 20 S. Dearborn.

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ABOUT 125 editors representing most of the major Protestant magazines and newspapers in the United States are attending the sessions. Total

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circulation represented in ACP is approximately 17,000,000.

The controversial John Birch Society is an ultra-conservative, anti-Communist organization headed by retired businessman Robert Welch of Boston.

Its activities were also dwelt upon Wednesday by the ACP convention keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Howard Schomer, president of Chicago Theological Seminary.



The Rev. Dr. Schomer was critical of the Rev. Dr. James W. Fifield, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, who this week defended Welch on a television program.

"I cannot disagree more with my fellow Congregationalist, Dr. Fifield," he said.

The Rev. Dr. Schomer urged Christian journalists to protect the freedom of expression of such extremist organizations as the John Birch Society as

well as "the most progressive movements" in this country.

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"THERE ARE many signs that our generation will have a very fine opportunity to do battle for Christian values in the life of the city and of the nation," he said.

"It has become increasingly evident in the last few weeks that there exists at present in many American localities a rather delicate balance between genuinely progressive and utterly reactionary social forces.

"Christian ministers and laymen alike will need the help of our keenest writers as they seek to distinguish what movements are sincerely dedicated to the fullest measure of freedom, justice and equality for every single human being in this land and in every other."

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THE REV. Mr. Klausler, in his orientation address, pointed out that this week's sessions have three broad areas of interest: communications, war and peace, and the working religious editor.

"The major problem facing the editor of the church paper today," he said, "is making the gospel relevant to the problem of contemporary society."

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *JFK*DATE: May 3, 1961 *CONFIDENTIAL*FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*SUBJECT: *Communist Infiltration into Religion*
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Bufiles contain no identifiable references to [redacted]

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The following information was located in Bufiles which may be identical with [redacted]

On 4/14-16/60 a peace march from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois, to the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was held calling for disarmament and the banning of nuclear testing. The march was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, both pacifist groups. The march concluded with a rally at the Morrison Hotel on the afternoon of 4/16/60 at which one of the sponsors was [redacted] Chicago Theological Seminary. (100-11392-288)

In 8/60 the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) filed a petition with [redacted] which

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was addressed to the President of the United States calling for the granting of clemency for Morton Sobell by commutation of his sentence. One of the signers of the petition was [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago 37, Illinois.
(100-433878-2 page 16)

The above petition was delivered to [redacted] by [redacted] Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] is subject of Bufile 100-433878 and is on the Security Index.) (100-433878-2)

The 11/7/60 issue of "National Guardian," page 1, contained an article "Washington convocation to seek Sobell freedom." The article states a national convocation for freedom for Morton Sobell would be held in Washington, D. C., on 11/19-21/60. One of the sponsors of the convocation was listed as a Reverend Dr. Howard Schomer. (100-387835-A)

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The 1/2/61 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," pages 12-13, contained a "Petition to the House of Representatives of the 87th Congress of the United States" to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. One of the signers of this petition was listed as Dr. Howard Schomer, President, Divinity School, under the heading of "Illinois." (61-7582-A)

The 4/5/61 issue of the "Red Streak" edition of the "Chicago Daily News," page 37, contained an article "List 19 Signers of Bid on Cuba." This article states that 19 Illinois citizens, including educators, clergymen and editors have asked President Kennedy to suppress Cuban anti-Castro activities in the United States. Their letter describes their request not as a "plea for Fidel Castro or for Cuba, but for the United States to show the world its respect for its own law and agreements." One of the signers of the letter was Dr. Howard Schomer, President, International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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This memorandum is submitted to set out the results
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JOHN BIRCH STORY—2

Local Clergyman Accuses Welch Of Smear Tactics

By SETH KANTOR, Staff Writer

Dr. William M. Elliott, minister of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Monday accused Robert Welch of "putting people in a mental strait jacket."

The prominent Dallas area clergyman made his charge following John Birch Society founder Robert Welch's attack in Dallas Sunday night on the past four presidential administrations.

Dr. Elliott said he is "particularly distressed" at the Belmont, Mass., Birch leader's reiteration in Dallas that "about 3 per cent of the nation's ministers are Communist sympathizers," with many holding key positions in church hierarchies.

"I would be surprised if Communists did not try to infiltrate our churches," said Dr. Elliott. "I would be disappointed in the effectiveness of the American clergy if the Communists did not try to penetrate us."

"But why doesn't Mr. Welch name the names of this 3 per cent? Why doesn't he turn over his knowledge to the FBI, with the names and the proof, if they have succeeded?"

Dr. Elliott, former moderator of the 19-state Southern branch of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, said, "I think this sort of smear campaign by Mr. Welch and the listeners who cheer him is comparable to the rise of fascism in Europe before World War II."

THE MINISTER of the Highland Park church said, "There may be some ministers who favor socialized medicine, and they are considered Communists by some. I might differ with them, but this is a serious matter—to label a man a Communist sympathizer because of that."

He urged an end to "self-appointed individuals turning the searchlight on Communists here. The searchlight possibly could be turned on that individual instead and for another reason."

Welch interrupted several times with outbreaks of applause from an overflow audience in the Baker Hotel, continued to generalize while in Dallas.

"I can find you a lot more Harvard accents in Communist circles today than you can find me overalls."

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"The Dallas Times Herald"
Dallas, Texas

April 19, 1961

Felix R. McKnight,
Executive Editor

Submitted by Dallas Office

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HIS VOICE was packed with emotion, and the line received the evening's loudest applause from the intent audience, dressed well and conservatively and predominantly middle-aged.

The 61-year-old Welch, speaking like a professor of political science most of the time in a speech copyrighted and given several times before in his California-through-Texas tour, put the blame on international communism for:

• The third-term re-election of Roosevelt in 1940, to draw us into war and make an ally of Russia with us.

• The defeat of Robert A. Taft in the 1952 Republican convention, because Russian power over the United States would decline with Taft as president.

• The destruction of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's hearings on un-American activities by getting witnesses to cooperate in executive committee sessions and then balk when put on the public-hearing stand.

• The U.S. naval fleet in Formosa Straits when, instead of helping to keep the Red Chinese from invading Formosa "as we were supposed to believe," the fleet was in fact keeping Chiang Kai-shek from invading the mainland.

"The Communists now have reached a point where they can count on control of the United Nations whenever it is needed," he

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said, and the idea now "is to pull the United States into con-
troll by the United Nations."

This is done, he said, "merely by claiming they don't want (Dag Hammarskjold as secretary-general, in order to sell the United States) on backing the present United Nations to the hilt."

"THEY KNOW there's no limit to the gullibility of the American people."

Each of these charges by Welch drew lavish applause from his generally, thoroughly intrigued audience.

He named no Communist in America responsible for this maneuvering of the nation into Russian hands since the elections of 1940.

I asked him to name one. I was the first newspaperman to reach him when the speech ended. "I have nothing more to say," he shook his head.

Several times as the crowd of well-wishers surged forward and he got into a violent argument with photographers when he didn't want them shooting at him, I asked if he would "clear up some points for Dallas readers" about his statements. The answer was a firm, "no."

When the ballroom was at last empty of all but a handful of John Birch members who stayed close by him throughout the evening, I asked him again for a press conference.

"I DON'T GIVE press conferences," he answered, "in cities where the newspapers have not printed what I think they should. Dallas is one of those cities. Good night." "Are you tired?" I persisted. "You are making a strenuous speaking trips with many stops." "I was tired all right when those photographers took my picture. They annoy me. I feel all right now."

The Times Herald twice reported before his Sunday night talk that Welch's Dallas speech would be made without any tickets given

to the press and without any press section reserved.

A JOHN BIRCH Society spokesman, Joseph P. Grinnan of 4640 Southern in Highland Park, said that "After the two stories appeared, there was 'a change in policy.' The press got front-row treatment. Various reporters were able to buy tickets at the door up to 30 minutes before the speech began, at which time there was standing room only in the huge ballroom."

J. T. (Tom) Wunderlick of 5423 Caruth Blvd., a volunteer coordinator of the Society in Dallas, made the introductory talk before Welch began a 90-minute address.

In giving Welch's biographical background, he quoted verbatim from Welch's own autobiographical sketch in a Welch-published 1960 bulletin to members. Mr. Wunderlick wore a red, white and blue tie.

Tomorrow: Mr. Welch changes a rule.



Robert Welch addresses overflow John Birch Society throng here.

—Staff Photo by Andy Hanson

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *JHK*

DATE: May 3, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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Based on the limited information set forth in the article no identifiable references to [] were located in Bufiles.

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This memorandum is submitted for record purposes in setting out the results of the file review concerning [] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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"REPORT ON LEADERS AND MINISTERS
OF COMMUNITY CHURCH, Manhattan
Beach, California," Issued by
Chi Rho Researchers
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Remylet dated 3/23/61.

On April 18, 1961, a copy of a 35 page printed document captioned "A REPORT ON MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH" was received at the Los Angeles Office. On the same date, [redacted] (Protect by Request),

[redacted] Manhattan Beach, California, advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS that approximately 2200 copies of the document had already been sent out to various groups. A total of 3,000 were printed. [redacted] declined to give the name of the printer, stating that the job of printing had been done on the basis that the printer's identity not be revealed.

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[redacted] stated that copies of the booklet had been sent to the Director, FBI as well as to the Attorney General of the United States and other groups mentioned in relet.

[redacted] had heard that there had been an emergency meeting of the Manhattan Beach Community Church on Friday, April 14, 1961, after some of the booklets

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had been mailed out. [redacted] did not know the outcome of the meeting. [redacted] had heard that [redacted] the Church, has consulted an attorney in Palos Verdes, California, possibly for the purpose of discussing a lawsuit against the author of the report.

[redacted] the name and address of "Chi Rho Researchers, P. O. Box 627, San Pedro, California" as the author.

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[redacted] does not expect to recontact the Post Office Box for fear of being discovered [redacted] has "to be careful."

The above data is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

The copy of the booklet is being filed as an exhibit in the Los Angeles Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *MB* DATE: April 28, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION *Handwritten signature*

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On 11/19-21/60 the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) sponsored a "Clergy Rally" in Washington, D. C. A comprehensive memorandum concerning this rally was furnished by Washington Field Office by airtel dated 11-20-60. This memorandum is filed in 100-387835-2558. During the rally a delegation from the CSJMS contacted [redacted] Justice Department, on 11-21-60 to appeal for Sobell's release and gave him a mimeographed copy of a petition which was also being transmitted to the White House the same day and which contained, according to [redacted] 16 pages of names single spaced. According to [redacted] all of the names were preceded by the title of Reverend or Rabbi except for a very few which were preceded by Doctor or Professor. A memorandum disclosing this information is located in 100-387835-2559. According to information in the CSJMS file the afore-mentioned petition contained approximately 1,200 names of clergymen. The Bureau never received a copy of the petition nor do we have the identities of the 1,200 persons.

The foregoing information has been appropriately disseminated. *A*

ACTION:

This is for information and filing in the control file on "Communism and Religion."

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
- 1 - 100-387835 (CSJMS)
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'BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER' Episcopalians Leaders Assail Welch Tactics

Two leaders of the Episcopal Church, who are in Houston attending a national conference of cathedral deans, said Wednesday that the John Birch Society not only uses irresponsible methods in its fight against Communism but also does violence to Christian faith and the American way of life.

The Very Rev Francis B. Sayre Jr, dean of the Episcopal Church's National Cathedral in Washington, DC, said the society seemed to him "a rather vehement form of self-righteousness."

DEAN SAYRE, who was recently appointed to President Kennedy's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said, "It violates the injunctions of the Bible while pretending to stress Christian faith."

Sayre, one of the first churchmen to oppose publicly the methods used during the McCarthy investigations, said judgment and vengeance belong only to the Lord. "Yet here are men making judgments and seeking vengeance," he said.

The Very Rev William S. Lea, dean of Saint John's Cathedral in Denver, said the society "plays into the hands of the Communists by setting brother against brother."

"This is just what the Communists want," he said.

"WHEN YOU destroy mutual trust, you destroy the basis of democracy," Dean Lea said.

Both churchmen criticized the charge by Robert Welch, founder

of the John Birch Society, that 7,000 of the 200,000 Protestant ministers in the United States were either Communists or sympathizers with Communist purposes. Welch made the charge at his speech in Houston Tuesday night.

Sayre said the claim was completely irresponsible and was not backed up with any evidence.

Lea, in referring to the charge by Welch, said "He has the responsibility to publish a list of the people involved or turn their names over to the proper authorities."

SAYRE SAID this was undermining the American system of due process of law.

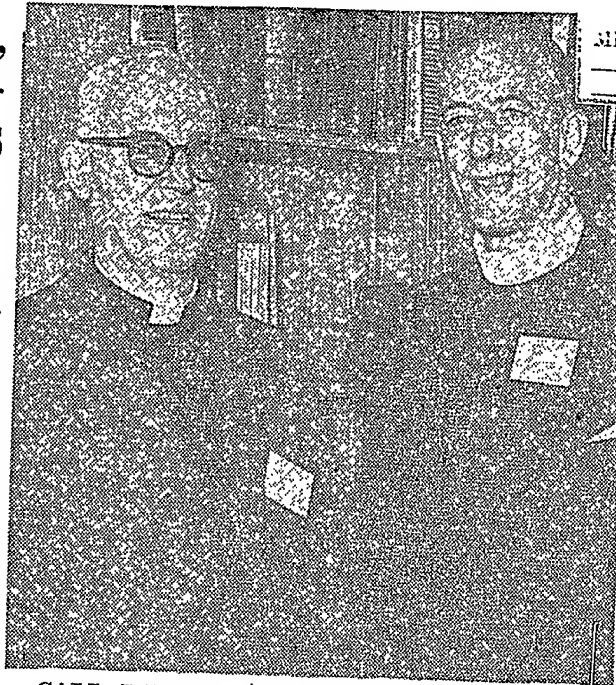
"No man can be condemned without being confronted by his accusers with a bill of particulars and having a chance to answer the charges," Lea said.

Lea said he thought the Birch Society should leave the routing of Communists to professional groups such as the FBI.

Sayre explained that the purpose of the deans' conference, which closes Thursday, was to study church strategy on local and national issues and to discuss common problems. The conference was not open to the public.

HE SAID THE Birch Society was just one of many issues that the deans would discuss.

"About a third of the deans attending have expressed concern about the society," he said. There are 31 cathedral deans from various parts of the United



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 Dean William S. Lea, Left, and Dean Francis Sayre Jr

States attending the conference.

Lea said he had not heard of any John Birch Society being organized in Denver.

Both men expressed admiration for the Right Rev John E. Hines, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, for "his handling of critical issues of the church."

SAYRE AND LEA said they were concerned with many of the problems that the John Birch Society seeks to solve but felt they should be solved with Christian love, patience and principle.

"We are concerned with these issues as Christians but we are not judging our fellow citizens just as we would not like to have them judge us," Sayre said.

THE HOUSTON POST
 4-20-61
 Houston, Texas
 RE: THE JOHN BIRCH
 SOCIETY; INFORMATION
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 (Hofile: 62-1521)
 HOUSTON DIVISION

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FB* DATE: May 4, 1961FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JK*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The 4-20-61 issue of "The Houston Post," a Houston, Texas, newspaper, contained an article "Episcopalian Leaders Assail Welch Tactics." The article states that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Episcopal Church's National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., said the John Birch Society seemed to him "a rather vehement form of self-righteousness." The article further discloses that the Very Reverend William S. Lea, Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver, said the John Birch Society "plays into the hands of the Communists by setting brother against brother." Both churchmen criticized the charge by Robert Welch that 7,000 of the 200,000 Protestant ministers in the United States were either communists or sympathizers.

Bufiles show that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr. is the subject of 100-369954 file, but the file does not contain any subversive information. There is a summary on Sayre in 62-5-3234 dated 4-11-59, but does not contain any subversive information.

The only information in Bufiles on [redacted] was that he had attended the Assembly of World Council of Churches in Budapest, Hungary, during July and August, 1956. (100-231551-213)

ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record purposes in setting out the results of the file reviews concerning Reverends Sayre and [redacted] for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

100-403529

- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you in regard to a statement that has had rather wide publicity in the Dallas area to the effect that the FBI has a list of clergymen in America who are known and proven Communists. As a matter of information for myself and several other interested ministers, I would like to know if this statement is authentic. If so, how many names do you have in your files and are these names available to the public?

All of us are so grateful for the job you are doing and for your help in clarifying so many issues before the American people today. You deserve not only the gratitude of the American people but I want to assure you also of our cooperation and support in matters pertaining to the wonderful work of the FBI.

Most sincerely,

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[Redacted]
First Methodist Church
Dallas, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated, as is your offer to be of assistance. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI has not prepared a list such as you described. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, this Bureau does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In addition, information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only; therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. We have had limited cordial correspondence with [Redacted] last outgoing 4-6-61.

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April 26, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Religion

Our local pastor made this statement in service last Sunday; "Fifty percent of the clergy in America have conferred as card carrying communists."

Is this true? Where can I find authoritative information and materials on this subject?

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Thank you for your time and coe operation.

Sincerely,

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100-403529-163

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated April 26, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. In addition, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in the files of this Bureau. I am precluded, therefore, from complying with your request for information; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain the material you desire.

I am unable to refer you to anyone who may be in a position to furnish information concerning the subject you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *DFB*

DATE: May 8, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JK*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION

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By airtel dated 3-17-61 captioned "American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, IS - C, ISA of 1950" the Washington Field Office furnished information that [redacted] of the "Social Questions Bulletin" for the Methodist Federation for Social Action was to visit Washington, D. C., on 3-20 and 3-21-61 for the purpose of contacting Congressmen in the name of the Methodist Federation for Social Action to discuss the statute of limitations with them. This refers to a program of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to get legislation enacted modifying the McCarran Act to impose a statute of limitations on deportations.

Bufiles indicate [redacted] Ardsley, New York, is the subject of Bufile 100-349525 and is currently on the Reserve Index, Section A. He is active in numerous Communist Party fronts such as the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and is [redacted] the New York Council to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and Executive Secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

ACTION:

This is furnished for information and filing purposes.

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- 1 - Mr. Harrington
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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LA RUE AND NELSON INSURANCE AGENCY

612 South Vienna Street • P. O. Box 136 • Telephone: AL 5-2923
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

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April 24, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A local publication has quoted your Chief FBI inspector, William C. Sullivan as follows: "It is a patent falsehood that the Protestant denominations, as some have charged, have had an alarming infiltration and influence by Communists."

I would like to know if you have a record of Mr. Sullivan having made this statement, and if this is the official finding of the FBI.

Very truly yours,

Ruston, Louisiana

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[Redacted]
La Rue and Nelson Insurance Agency
Post Office Box 136
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 24 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of "Communism and Religion" by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of this Bureau in order that you may have the benefit of the full text of his statements. The portion of the statement you asked about appears on page five, paragraph two. I can assure you that Mr. Sullivan's comments in this matter have my full approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *9/10/61* DATE: May 9, 1961FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*SUBJECT: *y* *COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C*Communist
Infiltration into
Religion*

The 4-17-61 issue of the "National Guardian," page 10, contained an article entitled "800 at ECLC panel discussions." This article reported on a workshop conference of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC). One of the discussion leaders at the conference was listed as a Rev. Arthur Walmsley. - *Summary*

Missouri
 Bufiles contain the following references which may be identical with [redacted]

[redacted] on 6-11-52 advised that a meeting of the Paul Robeson Sponsoring Committee of the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC) (cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450) was held in St. Louis, Missouri, on 6-3-52. One of the items discussed was the names of individuals from which to select an honorary chairman relative to Paul Robeson's appearance and concert. One of the names mentioned for honorary chairman was [redacted]. On 6-12-52 [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Sponsoring Committee on 6-10-52 it was reported that [redacted] had been contacted and had agreed to [redacted] the Sponsoring Committee on the night of Robeson's concert. (100-384660-343 p. 8)

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In 1953 "Fact Sheet #1 on Smith Act" was issued by the Civil Rights Congress (cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450), Detroit, Michigan. This pamphlet contained an item stating that of the 161 church men to appeal to President Truman for amnesty for the 11 communists convicted under the Smith Act, 44 were Episcopalians. One of the Episcopalian clergymen was listed as Rev. A. E. Walmsley of St. Louis, *Missouri* Michigan. (61-10149-3569 p. 20)

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Memorandum to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
100-403529

A list of signers to a letter to President Truman appealing for amnesty for Smith Act prisoners, released 1-13-53, included the name of a [redacted] Church of the Holy Apostles Protestant Episcopal, St. Louis, Missouri, (100-398145-3)

The pamphlet "To Those with a Social Conscience," issued by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims (cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450) in 1953 contained in a listing the name of a Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley (100-384660-540 p. 57).

A letterhead of the ECLC dated 9-30-54 contained the name of [redacted] Missouri, as a member of the National Council of ECLC (100-384660-87 p. 9).

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The 12-56 issue of "Rights," official publication of ECLC, listed the National Council members of ECLC, among which was the name of a Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, Missouri. (100-384660-249 p. 4)

An ECLC letterhead dated 11-25-57 listed a [redacted] Missouri, as a National Council member. (100-384660-350 p. 6)

On 10-10-57 [redacted] advised that Clark Foreman, Director, ECLC, stayed at the home of [redacted] during Foreman's visit to St. Louis on 10-8-57. (100-384660-343)

An ECLC letterhead in 1-58 included the name of [redacted] as a member of the National Council of ECLC. (100-384660-383 p. 5)

An ECLC letterhead dated 4-25-58 listed a [redacted] New York, as a National Council member of ECLC. (100-384660-388).

Memorandum to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The "ECLC Program for 1959" contained a list of the National Council members of ECLC, among which was the name Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, New York. (100-384660-540 p. 5)

A Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, Brooklyn, New York, signed a "Brief for Amici Curiae" which was filed in the United States Supreme Court on 9-9-60 in the case of the Communist Party vs. Subversive Activities Control Board. (100-372598-934)

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ACTION:

This memorandum is prepared for record purposes and to record the results of the file review concerning [redacted] and for filing in Bufile on Communism and Religion.

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GREENWOOD, MISS

4/25/61

Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

Will you please have someone in the Department to send me any Documentary evidence that the Bureau would have in relation to Communist infiltration in General in Religion, particularly Protestant, also in the Educational Field and the N.A.A. CP.

On last Sunday from the pulpit, the minister of my Church (Methodist) read an article which was suppose to have come from special Agent of F.B.I. stating that there has been no communist infiltration to speak of into the religions and that actually the reverse is the case, that religion has been unwavering in their loyalty and that even though this accusations have been made they are untrue.

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If you so desire I shall get the names of this agent if possible and furnish it to you. I happen to be one of those who believe that there has been considerable infiltration in many cases as evidenced by the proof furnished by the the circuit riders of Cincinnati, however due to the fact that the circuit Riders is in bad standing with many ministers because it has spoken out in this respect. I would like to have some documentary evidence from your Bureau if you have this available.

If you have available bulletins on this subject of how to fight Communism - Please send me several copies also.

Thank you for your cooperation and your help in this matter.

Cordially yours,

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Washington, D. C.
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Will you please have someone in the Department to send me any Documentary evidence that the Bureau would have in relation to Communist infiltration in General in Religion, particularly Protestant, also in the Educational Field and the N. A. A. C. P.

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If you so desire I shall get the names of this agent if possible and furnish it to you. I happen to be one of those who believe that there has been considerable infiltration in many cases as evidenced by the proof furnished by the the Circuit Riders of Cincinnati, however due to the fact that the Circuit Riders is in bad standing with many ministers because it has spoken out in ^{this} respect. I would like to have some documentary evidence from ~~the Bureau~~ if you have this available.

If you have available bulletins on this subject
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of how to fight Communism. Please send me
several copies also.

Thank you for your cooperation and your
help in this matter.

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Cordially yours,

[REDACTED]

Greenwood, Miss.

May 4, 1961

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Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 25 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication. I am always glad to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedoms.

In response to your requests, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the groups you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing the substance of the remarks made by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of this Bureau recently at Cincinnati, Ohio, together with some additional material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no derogatory information concerning correspondent. Last outgoing to him under date 1-13-61 when he wrote inquiring about Matthew Cvetic. [redacted] inquires about communist infiltration among Protestant Religion in the educational field and the NAACP. Reply to him enclosed the evaluation statement. The NAACP is subject of Bufile 10518867. No information is disclosed therein which indicates that this group is communist infiltrated or controlled. Internal Security Statement of 4-17-61 being sent to correspondent in view of his inquiries concerned with how to fight communism. He is also being furnished a copy of Inspector Sullivan's Cincinnati lecture which is probably identical to the statements and paragraphs two and three of incoming.

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Lutheran Leader Sees Harm in Birch Group

By CASPAR NANNES,
Star Staff Writer

A Lutheran leader today warned members against submitting to pressure of extreme groups from either left or right at a meeting in St. Marks' Lutheran Church, Springfield, Va.

Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis, president of the 600,000-member Augustana Lutheran Church, declared that pressures from such groups as the John Birch Society are as those from extreme leftist groups.

Dr. Lundeen said that "communism is dangerous and we need to be aware of it. But there is a totalitarianism of the extreme right position which is also extremely dangerous. It is dangerous because it comes to us in the guise of patriotism."

The church leader asserted that "we must always remember that it was the extreme rightist position that made Hitler's rise in Germany possible. History shows it was the church that stood up against Hitler. We have a power in the gospel that is the best antidote for totalitarianism in any form and let us not sell it short."

Church Called Answer

Dr. Lundeen asserted that the church and its teachings can take care of the pressures from the extreme left as well as from the extreme right. He said that as far back as 1947 the church "warned us against Communism and the church has never changed its position."

Delegates to the 91st annual meeting of the New York Conference, Augustana Lutheran Church, were to vote today on whether the national body should join with three other Lutheran groups to form a new 3.1 million member denomination.

The four churches considering union as the Lutheran Church in America next year are the United Lutheran Church, 2.5 million members; Augustana Lutheran Church, 600,000 members; Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod), 36,000 members, and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100,000 members.

Last week the Virginia Synod of the United Lutheran Church, meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Arlington, Va., approved the merger step. It is one of 32 synods of the denomination, with 22 affirmative votes needed for that national church body to sanction the move.

Would Be Largest

If the proposed union goes into effect in June 1962 at Detroit, the new Lutheran Church in America will be the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States and Canada.

Next largest would be the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 2.4 million members, and The American Lutheran Church, 2.25 million members.

The New York Conference, with 300 ministerial and lay delegates representing 55,000 Augustana Lutherans in 125 congregations has churches in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and the District of Columbia. It is the third largest of 13 regional units comprising the national Augustana Lutheran Church, which has 1,250 congregations.

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB* DATE: May 3, 1961FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The 4/19/61 issue of "The Evening Star," Section G, page 6, "Final Edition," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, contained an article "Lutheran Leader Sees Harm in Birch Group." This article states that Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, President of the 600,000 member Augustana Lutheran Church, declared that the pressures from such groups as the John Birch Society are as dangerous as those pressures from extreme leftist groups. The article quotes Lundeen as stating "communism is dangerous and we need to be aware of it. But there is a totalitarianism of the extreme right position which is also extremely dangerous. It is dangerous because it comes to us in the guise of patriotism."

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This memorandum is submitted for record purposes to record the results of the file review on [] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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Apr. 29, 1961.

J. Edgar Hoover. F.B.I.

Dear Sir: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

We are so thankful for you and your bureau and the good work you are doing. May you continue long in your work. I realize that is a time for the followers of Christ to work together as He would have us do.

There seems to be so much controversy over the fact of the infiltration of communism in our churches, the National Council of Churches and World Council also many protests from the same groups on showing the film "Operation Abolition." Has this film been prepared by your bureau and should Americans see it? I believe we should know what is going on. Is it an authentic news film?

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Thanking you I remain

Truthfully yours

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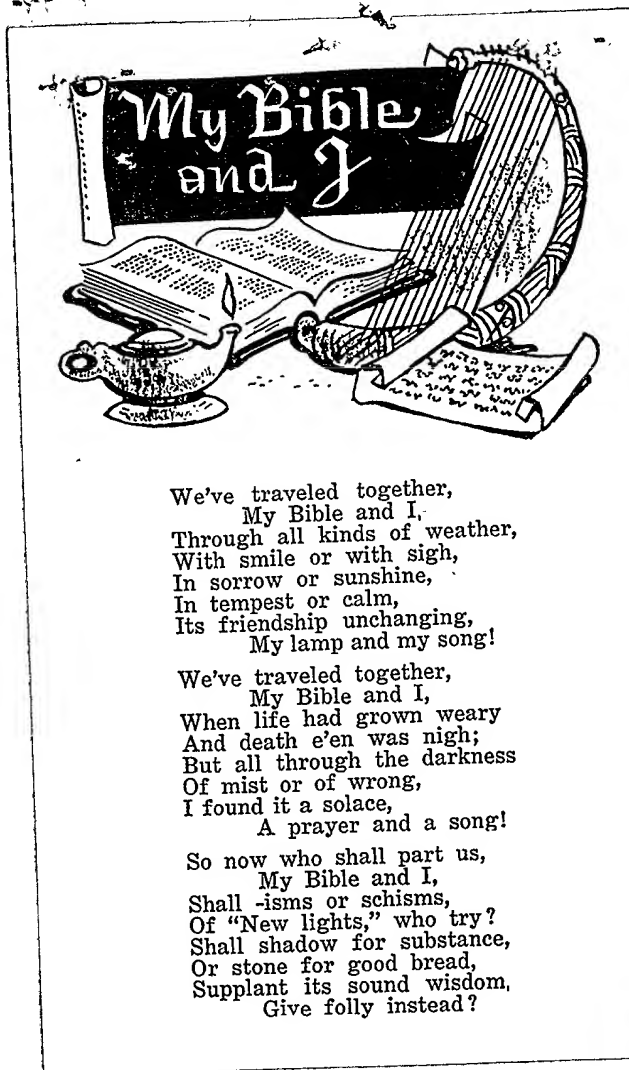
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We've traveled together,
 My Bible and I,
 Through all kinds of weather,
 With smile or with sigh,
 In sorrow or sunshine,
 In tempest or calm,
 Its friendship unchanging,
 My lamp and my song!

We've traveled together,
 My Bible and I,
 When life had grown weary
 And death e'en was nigh;
 But all through the darkness
 Of mist or of wrong,
 I found it a solace,
 A prayer and a song!

So now who shall part us,
 My Bible and I,
 Shall -isms or schisms,
 Of "New lights," who try?
 Shall shadow for substance,
 Or stone for good bread,
 Supplant its sound wisdom,
 Give folly instead?

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[Redacted]
Scottsdale, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of April 29, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable.

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Although I would like to be of service, the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any comment with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider directing your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

The FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

I am enclosing a copy of the tenor of remarks of the speech given by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan on February 22, 1961, at Cincinnati, Ohio, along with some material dealing with the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion
Series from "Christianity Today"
4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

Dr. Carl McIntire is President of the International Council of Christian Churches. He was an organizer of the American Council of Christian Churches and has been an outspoken foe of the NCCC and has bitterly criticized the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He has stated publicly that communists are using the NCCC in the U.S. We have had cordial correspondence with him in the past and the Bureau is aware of his controversial nature.

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

April 28, 1961

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0 COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

SAC Contact [REDACTED]

Brownsville, Texas, is a prominent lay member of the Methodist Church in the Brownsville, Texas, area. On a recent visit with him, he advised me that a committee of men in his Adult Sunday School Class, had recently been making a study of The Adult Student magazine and The Adult Teacher magazine, two publications of the Methodist Church, and he and the members of his class have become quite concerned with material in these magazines which they feel reflects Communist thinking and philosophy and is anti-Democratic in nature. He furnished me with the enclosed two items of material which reflects a compilation of quotations taken from these publications by the members of his Sunday School Class, which they feel illustrate the pro-Communist propaganda contained in these publications.

This material is being sent to the Bureau for its information and as indicative of possible Communist propaganda contained in these religious publications.

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POST OFFICE BOX 947
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May 2, 1961

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

0 Infiltration into Religion

If an item in one of our area's papers is correct, a representative of the F. B. I. is going into trouble spots of our country to allay the uncalled-for fears of Communism infiltrating into the church.

If it is true that such a representative is speaking in various areas of our land, would it be possible for him to come to us here, where there is a veritable "hot-bed" of [redacted] and kindred groups.

We are not concerned in fomenting trouble, but in giving support to our ascertions that the Church of Jesus Christ is loyal to our Government, and that the distrust being created is only an aid to the enemy seeking to divide and conquer from within.

Respectfully yours

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(This is a personal inquiry.)

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*"Attack on Churches Causes FBI Concern" from the
Billings Gazette April 29*

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May 8, 1961

[Redacted]
First Presbyterian Church
Post Office Box 947
Wolf Point, Montana
Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of May 2, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I do wish I could give you a favorable reply, I regret I am unable to accede to your desire that I designate a Bureau representative to visit your area for the purpose of speaking on communism. It is not possible for us to accept as many commitments of this type as we would like because of the heavy pressure of official business. I am sorry this cannot be arranged but am sure you will understand my position.

I am enclosing some material relating to the problem of communism which you may like to read. Some of these items contain suggestions as to methods all of us can use in opposing subversive influences.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality Christianity Today Series
What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *gjk*

DATE: May 11, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *gjk*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The 4/17/61 issue of the "National Guardian," page four, contained a notice concerning a rally to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) which was held 4/21/61 at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City. Included in this notice was a list of sponsors who supported the rally. Among the sponsors listed were the following clergymen: Reverend John Haynes Holmes; Reverend J. Pierce Newell, Religious Freedom Committee; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr; Reverend Galen R. Weaver; and Reverend David Rhys Williams. *ny*

In view of the lack of sufficient identifying data no identifiable references of a subversive nature could be located in Bufiles concerning [redacted]

Bufiles contain the following concerning the remaining four clergymen.

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Reverend John Haynes Holmes

Reverend Holmes has never been investigated by the Bureau. An individual by the same name has supported communist affairs and front activities in the past; however, this information could not definitely be identified as relating to Reverend Holmes. Bufiles disclose Holmes was born 11/29/79 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1958 he was Pastor Emeritus, Community Church of New York, New York City. (61-1370) *ny*

[redacted] *ny* has been the subject of Bureau investigations in the past. These investigations disclose that he has been associated with and supported numerous communist fronts and their activities. Details of this activity are contained in Bufiles.

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Re: Communism and Religion
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Reverend Galen R. Weaver *W14*

We conducted an investigation of a Reverend Galen R. Weaver in 1941 at which time he was Pastor of the Church of the Crossroads, Honolulu, Hawaii. This investigation disclosed that this Reverend Weaver was born 3/15/95 at McClure, Ohio. The investigation developed he was a militant pacifist; a foe of capitalism; but did not develop any information of a derogatory subversive nature. (61-9127)

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The 12/19/40 issue of the "Daily Worker," page five, contained a list of persons who signed a letter directed to Governor Olson of California petitioning the Governor to free Sam Darcy, a communist extradicted to California to face prosecution for perjury. One of the names on the list was a Reverend J. Pierce Newell. (61-6593-8)

A [redacted] Central Methodist Church, Superior, Wisconsin, was included in a list of sponsors of the "Keep America Out of War Congress" in 1941. (61-10689-29)

A mailing list of the Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation in 1941 contained the name of [redacted] Superior, Wisconsin. (100-21601-46 page 41)

One of the individuals who signed a questionnaire of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties in 1940 was [redacted] Superior, Wisconsin. (100-1170-49 page 284)

Under date of 2/4/41 the National Religious Committee of the American Peace Mobilization (APM) distributed a reprint of an article which appeared in the "New York Times" of 1/10/41 entitled "Clergyman Group Charges War Aim." This article stated that the original article had been signed by 67 leading clergymen from all parts of the United States. One of the Clergymen listed was Reverend J. Pierce Newell. (61-10498-407 page 185)

[redacted] Superior, Wisconsin, was identified as an individual either directly or indirectly with the APM in the Wisconsin area since the inception of the APM to 5/17/41. (61-10498-706 page 205)

Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion
100-403529

[redacted] West Wisconsin Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) was one of the individuals nominated as member at large of the 1950 Executive Committee of MFSA.
(61-3615-36)

On 6/21/50 [redacted] furnished an incomplete list of the delegates to the Mid Century Conference for Peace held in Chicago, Illinois, 5/29-30/50. One of the individuals listed from Wisconsin was a [redacted]. The Mid Century Conference for Peace was sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives.
(100-364437-36 page 52)

A letter of MFSA to its members dated 9/26/52 set out a list of the Executive Committee members of MFSA. One of the members listed was [redacted] West Wisconsin, Wisconsin.
(61-3615-109 page 5)

A letter of MFSA made available on 6/3/54 attached an official ballot for the 9/2/53 elections which listed the officers of the organization. [redacted] Rochester, New York, was listed as a member at large.

[redacted] was one of the leaders and members of MFSA who sponsored an Amici Curiae brief which was filed during the 10/55 term of the U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Communist Party (CP) in its appeal against an order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring the CP to register as the agent of a foreign principal. (61-6315-414)

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In 3/56 a copy of a "Brief for Amici Curiae" was received which had been prepared for filing during the 10/55 term of the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of David Hyun, Petitioner, v.s. Herman R. Landon, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Respondent. Hyun had been arrested 10/31/50 pursuant to a warrant of INS which charged him with being deportable under the Act of 1918, as amended 1950 (McCarran Act) for allegedly having been a member of the CP after entry into the United States. One of the signers of the brief was Reverend J. Pierce Newell, Trinity Methodist Church, Rochester, New York. (100-350180-34 Enclosure page 10)

ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted to record the above information and to set out the file reviews concerning the five ministers mentioned above and for filing in Bufile on Communism and Religion.

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, New York

May 10, 1961

Director, FBI

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

[redacted] is [redacted] of the Methodist Church and a [redacted] of Special Agent John H. Kleinkauf, a supervisor in the Domestic Intelligence Division at the Seat of Government. [redacted] is a graduate of [redacted] Pennsylvania High School, [redacted] in New York City. On 4/10/37 he applied for a clerical position with the Bureau but was unfavorably recommended due to a slight cast in one of his eyes and he did not appear to be resourceful enough to measure up to Bureau standards for employment. [redacted]

[redacted] served as a clerk at the Seat of Government from 12/3/34 to 10/23/38 when he resigned as he was unable to qualify for the position of Special Agent due to poor eyesight and, therefore, could see no future for him in the Bureau in his chosen profession of accounting.

[redacted] is anticommunist, pro-Bureau and has a vital interest in the subject of communism particularly as it pertains to the field of religion. He was [redacted] and a [redacted]

[redacted] While this appointment becomes effective 6/1/61 he will not fully assume his new duties until the beginning of the school year in 9/61. [redacted] has advised Special Agent Kleinkauf that he would be glad to assist the Bureau in any possible manner.

It is believed [redacted] could be of material assistance to your office as a Source of Information at [redacted] and you should have him contacted shortly after the beginning of the school year in 9/61 for possible development as a Source of Information.

You should advise the Bureau the results of your contact in this regard.

① - 100-403529 (Communism and Religion)

NOTE: See memo Baumgardner to Belmont, same caption, dated 5/9/61. JHK:mar
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Mr. A. H. Belmont

May 9, 1961

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Religious Groups

Captioned individual, [redacted] of the Methodist Church, is [redacted] of Supervisor John H. Kleinkauf of the [redacted] High School, [redacted] in New York City. He has recently been [redacted]

His appointment is effective June 1, 1961; however, he will not fully assume his new duties until the beginning of the school year in September, 1961. In this new assignment [redacted] will not only be in close contact with [redacted] and have access to their files, but will also be a member of the "official family" and will be in close contact with other faculty members and officials [redacted]. In other words, he will be in a position where he could be of assistance to the Bureau, and the New York Office particularly, if the occasion should arise.

[redacted] is definitely anticommunist and very pro-Bureau. [redacted] at the Seat of Government from December 3, 1934, to October 23, 1938, when he resigned as he was unable to qualify for the position of Special Agent due to poor eyesight and, therefore, could see no future for him in the Bureau in his chosen profession of accounting. In fact, [redacted] had applied for a clerical position with the Bureau on 4/10/37. He was unfavorably recommended due to a slight cast in one of his eyes and he did not appear to be resourceful enough to measure up to Bureau standards for employment. (67-101887)

Recently [redacted] was in town attending the National Convocation of the Methodist Church. At that time Kleinkauf had occasion to see and converse with him. During the conversations he continued to exhibit his anticommunist and pro-Bureau attitudes and his vital interest in communism, particularly as it pertained to the field of religion. He was given copies of several of the Director's articles dealing with that subject matter. [redacted] advised that he would be glad to

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
- ① - 100-403529 (Communism and Religion)

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Memo to Mr. Belmont

Re: [redacted]
Source of Information

assist the Bureau not only in connection with his new assignment but in any possible manner.

OBSERVATION:

It is believed [redacted] could be of material assistance to the New York Office as a Source of Information [redacted] it being noted that there are, and have been in the past, numerous individuals connected with the [redacted] who have lent their names and assistance to communist causes and petitions.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter to New York be approved and transmitted advising New York of [redacted] background and his new assignment and to contact him after the beginning of the school year in September, 1961, for possible development as a Source of Information.

TOUCHSTONE, BERNAYS & JOHNSTON
ATTORNEYS
2500 FIDELITY UNION TOWER
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

April 26, 1961

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Belmont	
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Communist Infiltration in to Religion

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 3-1-01 BY 3903 EWL/DA/le

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attached you will find a letter from a reader of the Dallas Morning News which was printed in that newspaper on Tuesday, April 25th, 1961, quoting Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan. This writer was not privileged to hear Mr. Sullivan on the stated date nor has he had an opportunity to read a full report of Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

We know your position as stated in your bulletins to law enforcement officers and other publications, including your series of articles carried in our local paper.

The quotation attributed to Mr. Sullivan in this attached clipping is somewhat confusing. If it is part of your policy to do so, could you advise whether or not the quotation represents the official view of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or a private view of Mr. Sullivan, or is a quotation taken out of context.

Any clarification you can make will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

[Redacted Signature]

Dallas 1, Texas

CC - Editors, Dallas Morning News
Dallas, Texas

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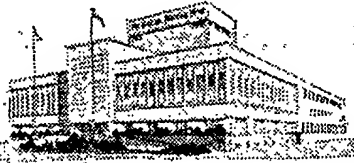
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The News, oldest business institution in Texas, was established in 1842 while Texas was a Republic.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1961

FBI Facts Refute Charge on Churches

To The Dallas News:

It is distressing to see in your editorials and Lynn Landrum's columns allusions to "Communist infiltration of the churches, the clergymen and the National Council of Churches," despite the overwhelming facts to the contrary. Surely you have available these facts. But your readers do not get them.

On Feb. 22, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation labeled as a falsehood allegations that Protestant denominations have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence by Communists. He said: "The Communist party in the United States has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions. There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy to our nation. They have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of Communism."

Leading papers across the country have given wide publicity to Inspector Sullivan's statements, calling for an end to loose talk about Communist infiltration of the churches. We are all weary of it. The loose talk comes from uninformed persons who refuse the truth.

MRS. GEORGE C. BAKER JR.

2940 Daniels Avenue, Dallas 5.

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Dallas 1, Texas

Dear :

I have received your letter of April 26, with enclosure, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the lecture entitled "Communism and Religion" which Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of this Bureau presented at Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 22, 1961. The portion of his remarks to which you refer appears on pages 5 and 6. You may be assured that Mr. Sullivan's address represents the official view of the FBI in this matter. It was thoughtful of you to write to me, and I trust this will clarify our position in this regard for you.

I am enclosing some additional material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion (Speech by Sullivan)

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted] and we have had no correspondence with him. [redacted] sent as an enclosure a letter to the editor written by one Mrs. George C. Baker, Jr., which appeared in the April 25, 1961, edition of "The Dallas Morning News" in which Mrs. Baker took a portion of Inspector Sullivan's remarks, made at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 2-22-61. While her quotations are basically accurate, her information was incomplete and correspondent stated he was confused. Accordingly a copy of Synopsis of Remarks made by Sullivan is being sent to him.. Not deemed necessary to correspond with Mrs. Baker of "The Dallas Morning News."

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The Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Attention: James Roosevelt

Gentlemen:

I would respectfully request your attention to the following:

Whereas: The Congressional Record contains testimony by a Dr. Fred Schwartz, "international authority on Communism" developing his theory that (1) Communism stems from atheism (2) this leads to brutality, suppression of individual freedoms and a philosophy where the end justifies the means (3) concluding with a proposed solution of moral guidance in teaching methods; and

Whereas: Father Sheridan, Director of the Catholic Information Center in Los Angeles before a crowd of 71,164 Catholics stated that the burden of preventing communism from conquering over this nation "can be borne not by western brands of atheists and SECULARISTS who like their Communist counterparts, prate about freedom while deliberately outlawing or ignoring all consideration of God, the human soul and the moral order which are the roots of and only valid pre-suppositions for freedom".

SECULARIST: One who believes that education and other civil matters should be without religious element

Whereas: Our own President Kennedy might be termed a secularist in that he has stated his belief in the cooperation of church and state; and

Whereas: This "guilt by association" of Communism with atheism is threatening our teachers and our schools, our religious freedom and the separation of church and state set forth in our constitution and upheld by our Supreme Court;

Whereas: I have lived within an atheistic philosophy for all of my life and will hold my philosophy up for comparison with any man's religion; and

Whereas: My work requires a security clearance and for all I know my professional standing is already in jeopardy due to this "guilt by association"; and

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Whereas: I would sooner allow myself to be the target
for this religious bigotry than allow it to
touch one teacher in our schools:

I stand on my rights as a citizen to be cleared of
"guilt by association" of communion with atheism in
one of the following ways:

- (1) Investigation by HCUA
- (2) Public statement by HCUA reaffirming religious
freedom for dis-belief as well as belief as
uphold by our Supreme Court
- (3) Public statement by President Kennedy
reaffirming religious freedom for dis-belief
as well as belief as uphold by our Supreme Court.

Please advise me regarding decision on my request. Thank
you for your attention in this matter.

cc: J. Edgar Hoover

The Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

Attention: James Roosevelt

Gentlemen:

I have known [redacted] and their family
for two years. I have been deer hunting with [redacted]
The children and [redacted] have been guests in my church.
I signed a letter of family recommendation to assist
in the admittance of Rae's son to Culter Academy,
an interdenominational parochial school in Los Angeles.
While we do not agree on the subject of religion I
cannot help but be a friend of the church.

[redacted] considers herself to be an atheist and has never
claimed otherwise. I think that a man's inner convictions
in regards to religion and philosophy should be held
separate from his political convictions and that no
man should be implied guilty of a political affiliation
because of religious conviction or lack of religious
conviction.

[redacted]
Football, Baptist Church
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From

Sylmar, Calif.

To:

California State Board of Education
San Francisco, California

and

The Editor
Time Newsmagazine
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

and

The Sylmar Sun
216 Chatsworth Drive
Sylmar, California

Gentlemen:

For your general information I am enclosing copies
of letters addressed to The Congress of the United States,
Attention: James Roosevelt.

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Alpena, W. Va.
April 28, 1961
Communist Infiltration into Religion

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading of your work over a period of years, I was really concerned over some headlines in today's paper.

Is it not true after all, what F B I undercover Agents have testified concerning Communists in the churches?

Have prominent churches not defended Harry Bridges, Earl Browder, Morton Sobel and others and then been chosen for high positions as church leaders? Could they have been chosen without the consent of a goodly number of church-men?

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Have not a few advocated that Red China be admitted to the United Nations?

I wonder why a minister in the pulpit would be greatly concerned about the bombing of Japan, but seem not at all grieved about Pearl Harbor.

Have they indeed not infiltrated the churches?

Yours in Him

/s/

[Redacted Signature Box]

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Washington D.C.

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April 28, 1961

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Yours in Christ

8 Elkins Inter-Mountain Friday, April 28, 1961

FBI Warns Americans Not to Believe Charges That Churches Infiltrated With Reds; Allegations Aid Commies

Religion In America

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

Christianity and Communism stand in the same relationship as yes and no, white and black, the North Pole and the South Pole.

They are categorical opposites.

Christianity affirms the sovereignty of God and ascribes infinite worth to each human being because he is a child of God.

Communism denies the existence of God, and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches — sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power; from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Attempts Made

Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. As a prac-

tical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

FBI Concerned

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-Communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks,

Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Has Hoover's Backing

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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Alpena, West Virginia

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Dear [redacted]:

I have received your letter of April 28, 1961, with enclosure, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

I can understand your concern about communism, and I would like to emphasize the fact that the communists have tried to infiltrate every segment of our society. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must be alert to any attempts to replace our traditional American traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I feel most strongly that members of the Communist Party and its sympathizers in the United States represent a threat to our future security, and I agree wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against this menace and combat it wherever possible. It is essential that all of us be certain of the facts in dealing with communism. We must avoid the danger of confusing it with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. The erroneous imputation of communism aids the communist cause by dividing and weakening our people when they need to be united and strong in order to defeat this evil conspiracy.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion
3-1-61 LEB Intro & 17th National Convention
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. She enclosed a copy of the recent United Press International article by Louis Cassels reporting that Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan had issued a warning that Americans should not be taken in by charges that our churches are overrun with communists.

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May 1, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

*Communist Infiltration
Religion*

Dear Sir: -

I am enclosing a news item taken from our Sunday Newspaper.
April 30, 1961.

Please inform me as to whether or not this statement is true in
order to clear up the doubt that is in my mind.

Also, please send me any information that will help in combatting
this menace.

Thank you.

/s/
Saginaw, Michigan

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Saginaw, Michigan
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'Vigilantes' Playing Into Reds' Hands

FBI Comes To Defense Of U. S. Church Leaders

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Saginaw, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]:

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Your letter of May 1, with enclosure, has been received.

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I am thoroughly familiar with Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan's presentation of the true nature and objectives of communism. He treated the subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy. It is, of course, understandable that people will react differently to speeches, contingent upon their diverse experiences, viewpoints, knowledge and interests. Mr. Sullivan fully exposes the falseness of communist thought and practices, and he strongly emphasizes their dangers. I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you. In addition, you may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local library. On pages 324 through 326, you will find a full discussion on this matter.

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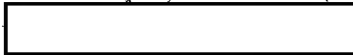
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communism and Religion by Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan
The Communist Menace

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Party."

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Firesteel, S. D.
May 5, 1961

[Handwritten signature]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

*Communist Infiltration
into Religion*

Dear Sirs.

Please send me information that
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on this subject.

Thank you.

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Yours truly

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Firesteel, South Dakota

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 5, 1961, has been received,
and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI,
as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government,
does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character
or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Infor-
mation in our files is considered confidential and available for
official use only due to regulations of the Department of Justice.
I hope you will not infer, however, either that our files do or
do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, enclosed are several
reprints which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

4-17-61 statement re Internal Security
God and Country or Communism

"Communism and Religion" by Chief Inspector W. C. Sullivan
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its member-
ship the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the
Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have
claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of
course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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Oakdale Calif
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Communist Infiltration Into Religion

J Edgar Hoover
Washington D C

Dear Mr Hoover:

I enclose a clipping from the Stockton Record, of last Saturday. Also a letter I wrote to the editor, and which I am sure he will publish.

Is Louis Cassels all wrong, or am I/?

This isnt the first time I have objected to Mr Cassels' articles on religion. I will respect your wishes, but would like to be free to take your criticism of the quotes in the Cassels column to editor Avery Kizer, with my request he drop the UPI Cassels column.

You will be familiar with the left-wing group in pur California-Nevada Conference of the Methodist Church. Representing the Oakdale Church, I have battled them for 15 years; now feel we are making progress.

The "social" gospel, has failed! This June may see a return to the spiritual method.

Sincerely yours

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REDS ARE NOT INFILTRATING OUR CHURCHES, FBI SAYS

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

Christianity and communism stand in the relationship as yes and no, white and black, the North Pole and the South Pole.

They are categorical opposites.

Christianity affirms the sovereignty of God and ascribes infinite worth to each human being because he is a child of God.

Communism denies the existence of God, and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

OTHER TACTICS

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

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But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord.

Religious Drama to Be Staged

"The Sign of Jonah," a play by Guenter Rutenborn, will be presented by the Bay Area Religious Drama Society at 7:30 p.m. May 7 in the First Congregational Church.

among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into Communist hands.

PEOPLE WARNED

During the past few weeks Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks."

They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt, and fear among church members. "And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

Article

Stockton Record
Stockton Calif

April 30, 1961

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MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON ----- "A Workable Conservative Faith"
HYMN (Standing) - No. 213
BENEDICTION
CHORAL BLESSING
POSTLUDE

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This Evening . 7:00 High School Youth
8:00 Conference Report Session in
the Church Basement

July 5th - Next Sunday - Speaker will be Jessie
Todd a Conference Program Counselor

SPIRITUAL METHOD AND SOCIAL REFORM

WHEREAS The church's most effective influence is
when working in and through the hearts of men,
BE IT RESOLVED: That in a changing economic
society, it is not the function of the church to
spell out the technical details of change, but it
rather has the high moral responsibility of
pointing the ethical and moral direction for
changes, and to promote the spiritual attitudes
to sustain them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That our Conference,
dropping no whit of its social concern, resolve to
concentrate on personal religion and the spiritual
foundations for social reform, as a policy re-
jecting all temptation to political action save
only when clearly and purely incidental to our
spiritual message.

(Presented by H. W. Barton)

The above resolution to Conference will be
discussed this evening.

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*Of course did not get this there
but am still trying!*

The Christian College

THERE are few centers of higher learning where Christian influences are not felt. The very idea of uplifting youth culturally, enabling people from every station of life to fulfill the highest purposes of which they are capable, stems from the conviction planted by Christ that God has a plan for every person which we can help him bring to realization. In a Christian college the highest ideals are brought to ripest fruition. All educational institutions exist to promote them *actually*, but unless a school is especially dedicated to their promotion, they are not engendered *actively*.

This means that your boy or girl or the young people whom you would like to see become the Christian leaders of tomorrow need your support. They need to be assured that the funds given by you to help the colleges of your denomination will be sufficient. Some colleges can draw upon tax money, others are heavily endowed by wealthy citizens. As a rule, the Christian college depends heavily upon the average church-goer, local giving and its own relatively low tuition fees. If, in addition to its atmosphere of friendly fellowship and devotion to truth, the denominational college can provide students with the best teachers, the finest facilities, and ample scholarship opportunities, how much better will our youth be served!

Love always implies sacrifice. We are called upon to use our influence and make our offerings for the improvement of these schools for which we are responsible. Because of our efforts, some boy or girl will be richly rewarded and ennobled by years spent on a Christian college campus. Our investment, augmented by others, will pay future dividends beyond calculation!

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May 11, 1961

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Oakdale, California

Dear [redacted]:

I have received your letter of May 2, with enclosures, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion.

While the letter to the editor to which you referred was not enclosed as you indicated, I do welcome the opportunity to express my views on Mr. Cassels' article.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic citizens must continue to take a firm stand against communism and must combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing several items on the subject of communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-1-61 LEB Intro
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [REDACTED]
Editorial ticklers indicate we have had prior cordial relations with
"The Stockton Record."

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1015 Marquette St.
La Salle, Illinois
May 8, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

RELIGION

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Has the F. B. I. determined what church or churches are the freest from the effects of communist infiltration? If so, would you please send me the information? If that would be impossible, I shall not be surprised, but either way, would you kindly remind President Kennedy, personally as to what the answer is?

Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do for the American people.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mrs. Edward Haugen

(House-wife)

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1015 Marguerite St.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Thank you for all you have done,
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Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Edward Haugen
(House-wife)

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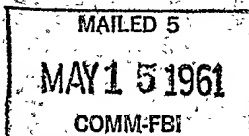
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Dear Mrs. Haugen:

I have received your letter dated May 8, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files may not be disclosed to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the matter you discussed. I would like you to know, however, that in keeping with our responsibilities, appropriate individuals and agencies in our Government are kept abreast of all important developments affecting the security of this Nation.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: May 17, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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The 5-8-61 issue of the "New York Daily News," page four, contained an article entitled "Angry Methodist Clergy Blasts House Red Hunters, Birchmen." This article stated that the New York Methodist Conference on 5-7-61 blasted the House Un-American Activities Committee and the John Birch Society and urged that the House group be abolished. This grew out of charges that certain segments of the clergy are Red-tainted. The Conference also authorized a statement of the National Council of Christian Churches which suggested that any showing of the House Committee's controversial film "Operation Abolition" be accompanied by a "full and fair presentation of the facts" as prepared by the Council.

The article further stated that at the closing session of the Conference Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke announced that the Reverend George W. Kaslow, Jr., former Director of the Department of Research and Field Survey for the New Jersey State Council of Churches, has been named General Director of the New York Metropolitan Area Planning Committee of the New York Methodist Conference.

No identifiable references to [redacted] were located in Bufiles.

The Bureau has never conducted a security investigation of [redacted]. A summary memorandum prepared 4-22-60 concerning [redacted] disclosed that the only subversive data concerning [redacted] was that listed in the publication of the "Circuit Rider, Incorporated," entitled "Compilation of Public Records, 2109 Methodist Ministers." According to this publication, Wicke was a nominee of the ballot of the "Social Questions Bulletin," February - March, 1949, of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which organization has been cited in the House Committee's "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated 1-2-57. (Bufile 100-433130)

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This memorandum is submitted for record and filing purposes in Bufile on Communism and Religion.

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Angry Methodist Clergy Blasts House Red Hunters, Birchmen

Angered by charges that certain segments of the clergy are Red-tainted, the New York Methodist Conference yesterday blasted the House Un-American Activities Committee and the John Birch Society. It urged that the House group be abolished.

The conference, composed of delegates from the church's New York, Newburgh, Kingston and Poughkeepsie districts, issued its statement at the end of its annual meeting at Christ Church, Park Ave. and 60th St.

Sharply criticizing any group that makes "undocumented generalized charges of Communism against the clergy," the conference challenged such groups to "name names and cite evidence to proper authorities of the church so that the guilty may be called to account and the names and honor of the innocent cleared."

It castigated the House group as an "un-American activity."

Urging that the committee be abolished, the conference proposed it be replaced by a "properly constituted and operated committee" to investigate and report subversive activities.

All Methodist clergymen and laymen were asked to expose the "complete injustice of such organizations as the John Birch Society."

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Name General Director for Area

The film is a montage of clips of student protests during a hearing of the House committee in San Francisco last year.

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Phoenix, Arizona
 May 2, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Communist Infiltration into Religion

We are part of a Study Group in our neighborhood to inform ourselves on the National situation, and also on the dangers of Communism in our country and other free nations.

We are enclosing a clipping from the Arizona Gazette of last evening, regarding statements made by your Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan, and would like to know if these statements are correct. We have read much of the infiltration of the Communists in the Churches, and to inform ourselves we would like a statement from you as to what the situation is as you know it.

We are all loyal Americans, and want to do anything in our power to preserve not only peace, but freedom for our great Nation. We are not "name-callers" nor "witch-hunters", but want to be informed of any danger to our Country. Do you have any suggestions for such a group as ours, which is just a small, friendly neighborhood group which meets once a week for discussion.

Thank you sincerely for your attention, and for any remarks you would care to make.

Most Sincerely,

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'Reds In Churches' Claim Worries FBI

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

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Phoenix, Arizona

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While I have no specific suggestions for your study group, I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended to be an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, are one of our most effective weapons against communism.

In the event they may be of interest, I am enclosing several other items setting forth my views on this subject which you may like to have.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion (Speech by Chief Inspector Sullivan)

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FRANCIS GALLAGHER

DIGNAN & GALLAGHER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
GLASGOW, MONTANA
May 1, 1961

Communist Infiltration Religious

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I belong to an anti-communism study group. This group pays particular attention to your utterances and recommendations concerning citizen participation in the fight against the red menace. The group has asked me to make the following inquiries.

1. Is the enclosed newspaper article an accurate statement of your views on the matter of infiltration in the churches?

2. Could you advise us of where we might get factual information concerning infiltration in the churches?

I am aware that the FBI is not an information agency, but thought an inquiry concerning this matter would be proper since the newspaper article purports to give your official views on the subject.

Yours very truly,

Francis Gallagher
FRANCIS GALLAGHER

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Mr. Francis Gallagher
Dignan and Gallagher
Attorneys at Law
Glasgow, Montana

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Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Your letter of May 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I can readily understand the concern you expressed and I would like to emphasize the fact that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to any attempt to replace our Constitutional tradition with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am thoroughly familiar with Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan's presentation of the true nature and objectives of communism. For your ready reference, I am enclosing a copy of a resume of Mr. Sullivan's statements on this subject, along with some other material regarding subversion.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (4)

God and Country or Communism?
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
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Letter to Mr. Francis Gallagher

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that in March, 1961, we forwarded the correspondent a letter in response to an inquiry, advising that we could not furnish evaluations. At that time he was forwarded some communist literature but different reports are forwarded at this time. Enclosure was an article on the attack on ~~charges which is causing the FBI concern~~ as prepared by Louis Cassels, United Press International. It was from an unidentified paper.

Attack on Churches Causes FBI Concern

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
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Friendship Methodist Church

2039 EAST DRUID ROAD - CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

MINISTER:

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May 9, 1961

TELEPHONE

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Communist Infiltration in Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your interest and concern in the welfare of our nation has been an encouragement to many citizens. Many people in our churches are keenly concerned with the menace of Communism to our country. Members of our Young Adult Class are interested in the facts of Communist infiltration and work in America. It seems to me that we have been too tolerant in allowing them to practice their subversive tactics.

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What publications are available by the Government or other sources concerning the principles of Communism. It would seem helpful and urgent that Citizens be made aware of their intent and true purpose.

If America is to lead, then she must show leadership against the Communist inroads in Latin America. It is utterly pathetic the way our country supported the rebel invasion of Cuba. Are we going to sit still for a year, waiting for them to strengthen their foothold in Cuba and other Latin American countries. Where is the offensive strength and power that has made America great in the past?

I know you will continue to lend your support to strengthen the Christian and democratic ideals of a free America.

We would appreciate any materials which are available.

Sincerely,



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Friendship Methodist Church
2039 East Druid Road
Clearwater, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 9, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. In accordance with your request, enclosed is some material regarding communism.

I regret that the FBI does not have a list of the type you mentioned; however, you may wish to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," concerning communism in America and how to fight it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61
Expose of Soviet Espionage

Documentary Proof That The CP, USA, Teaches And Advocates The
Overthrow And Destruction Of The US Government By Force And Violence
LEB Intro, 3-60, Analysis of 17th Natl Conv of CP, USA
One Nation's Response To Communism

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

Written From

WASHINGTON BUREAU
714 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON 4, D. C.

April 27

Mr. Bob Wick
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Communist Infiltration Into Religion

I greatly appreciate your help with the inclosed column,
and I hope I haven't done violence to the ideas we hoped to convey.
I thought you might want to pass it along to Chief Inspector Sullivan
along with my compliments on the very timely and helpful blows he has
struck on behalf of religious liberty in America--because no less than
that is at stake.

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ADVANCE FOR PM'S FRIDAY, APRIL 28
RELIGION IN AMERICA
BY LOUIS CASSELS

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM STAND IN THE SAME RELATIONSHIP AS YES AND NO, WHITE AND BLACK, THE NORTH POLE AND THE SOUTH POLE.

THEY ARE CATEGORICAL OPPOSITES.

CHRISTIANITY AFFIRMS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND ASCRIBES INFINITE WORTH TO EACH HUMAN BEING BECAUSE HE IS A CHILD OF GOD.

COMMUNISM DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, AND VALUES THE INDIVIDUAL ONLY AS AN INSTRUMENT AND SERVANT OF THE STATE.

NO RATIONAL PERSON CAN BE A SINCERE CHRISTIAN AND A SINCERE COMMUNIST AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMUNISTS KNOW THIS. THAT IS WHY THEY PERSECUTE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES--SOMETIMES OPENLY, SOMETIMES ~~SECRETLY~~ IN EVERY COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY HAVE GAINED POWER, FROM RUSSIA TO CUBA.

IN FREE NATIONS LIKE AMERICA, COMMUNISTS CANNOT SUPPRESS THE CHURCHES BUT MUST THINK OF OTHER TACTICS.

COMMUNISTS UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TRIED IN THE PAST TO INFILTRATE THE CHURCHES BY HAVING DISGUISED COMMUNISTS WORK THEIR WAY UP TO POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY IN THE RANKS OF THE CLERGY.

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT THIS IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IT IS ENORMOUSLY DIFFICULT FOR A COMMUNIST TO POSE CONVINCINGLY AS A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN EVEN FOR THE SPACE OF ONE CONVERSATION, LET ALONE THROUGH THE LONG YEARS OF SEMINARY STUDY AND PULPIT SERVICE WHICH ARE REQUIRED OF ANY MAN WHO BECOMES AN INFLUENTIAL LEADER IN U.S. CHURCH LIFE.

BUT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FAILED TO INFILTRATE THE CHURCHES IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE COMMUNISTS LIKE IT WHEN CHARGES ARE MADE THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE DONE SO.

THE COMMUNISTS KNOW THAT IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF AMERICAN FEELING, THERE IS NO Surer WAY OF DISCREDITING THE LEADERSHIP OF CHURCHES AND OF SOWING CONFUSION AND DISCORD AMONG THEIR LAY MEMBERS THAN FOR THE SUSPICION TO BE NOURISHED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN ARE SECRET SUPPORTERS OF THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY.

YOU MAY THINK ALL OF THIS IS FAR-FETCHED. BUT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DOES NOT.

FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER THAT SELF-APPOINTED "VIGILANTES" MAY, IN THE NAME OF ANTI-COMMUNISM, PLAY INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS.

DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HOOVER HAS SENT FBI CHIEF INSPECTOR WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN TO DELIVER SPEECHES IN MANY PARTS OF THE NATION, WARNING AMERICANS NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY CHARGES THAT THEIR CHURCHES ARE OVERRUN WITH REDS.

"THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE SERVED TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION AMONG MANY AMERICANS THAT THE PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ALARMING INFILTRATION AND INFLUENCE," SULLIVAN SAYS. "BUT THIS IS A PATENT FALSEHOOD." THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS NOT ACHIEVED ANY SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS IN EXERTING DOMINATION, CONTROL OR INFLUENCE OVER AMERICA'S CLERGYMEN OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ON A NATIONAL SCALE.

SULLIVAN IS NOT MAKING THIS STATEMENT ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HE IS SPEAKING WITH THE FULL APPROVAL AND PERSONAL BACKING OF HOOVER. AND THE FBI DIRECTOR HAS SO INFORMED A NUMBER OF AMATEUR COMMUNIST HUNTERS, WHO WROTE TO HIM PROTESTING SULLIVAN'S SPEECHES.

"THE MOST INTERESTING REACTION," AN FBI OFFICIAL TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, "HAS BEEN FROM THE COMMUNISTS. THEY ARE VERY UPSET BY SULLIVAN'S REMARKS.

"THEY LOVE TO HAVE WILD CHARGES OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION HURLED AGAINST AMERICA'S CHURCHES. THEY KNOW THAT SUCH CHARGES CAUSE CONSTERNATION, DISSENSION, DOUBT AND FEAR AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS. AND THEY FIGURE THAT ANYONE WHO SUCCEEDS IN DEMORALIZING AMERICA'S CHURCHES IS AIDING THEIR CAUSE."

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Mr. Louis Cassels
7th Floor, National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cassels:

Your letter of April 27, with enclosure, to
Inspector Robert E. Wick has been referred to my attention,
and you may be sure it was a pleasure to cooperate with you
in connection with your article, "Religion in America."

While the endeavors of private citizens with
regard to combating the menace of communism must be
given our most earnest encouragement, I have always
cautioned against confusing communism with legitimate
dissent on controversial issues. In addition, this opposition
to communism must be careful, constructive and positive.
Your excellent presentation of this subject, particularly as
it relates to unfounded charges against America's clergymen,
is a fine example of public spirit, and I do want to thank you
for your support on this vital issue.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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who has been an admirer of the Bureau for many years. Cassels was the author
author of an article concerning Mr. Tolson which appeared in "Nations
Business" in December, 1954. Cassels added to Special Correspondents'
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: May 19, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: Communism Infiltration into
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[redacted] St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on 5-5-61 furnished the Bureau a copy of a resolution adopted by his Church recommending that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States withdraw from the National Council of Churches (NCC). [redacted] also enclosed a report with accompanying appendix compiled by a committee of his Church pertaining to the NCC and also a transcript of an interview between members of this committee and [redacted] of NCC. The above information is filed in the NCC file. USA.

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ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record and filing purposes in Bufile on Communism and Religion.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

of religion

I would not presume upon your valuable time if the happiness and welfare of a large portion of 1200 people did not depend in a large extent to the response which I receive to this letter. We live in a small rural community where the entire society revolves around our church and its activities and like many other such communities at the moment, we are being plagued with charges and counter charges of many minority groups as to the number of Communists in the National Council of Churches, the number of Red or Pink Methodist Bishops and the number of Methodist ministers and Lay People who are either red or pink depending upon how much of the Virgin Birth story they either affirm or deny and much other tripe and irrelevant material.

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I have read several statements that were purported to have been issued by either the FBI or J. Edgar Hoover that dealt with some of these problems (not refuting all of their claims, I know you can't refute as fast as they can claim), but to the effect that self styled amateur sleuths and Red Hunters are far more dangerous and destructive than the hunted . . . can you either write me a letter setting forth some of these statements or/and send me a reprint of some of the more pertinent ones . . . in the event that you have the time and inclination to write, J. Edgar Hoover's name seems to carry the same canonnas Holy Writ, so any letter bearing his name would work wonders even if it was "by".

I beg some of you to take the time to answer this . . . and I know when I make the request that you are bombarded with many such requests, but I repeat, I am not seeking ammunition to blast some one, I just want to quit the vociferous few in our church that have caused such a split and confused the many who just don't know and whose indecision makes it possible for a loud mouthed few to keep us in such turmoil.

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100-403529-185 Very truly yours,

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The Tilton Investment Company
Post Office Box 1431
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable.

I firmly believe, however, that it is vital that each of us make a determined effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy so that we may effectively resist its influence. It is also imperative that we remain calm, rational and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing it. This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicion, gossip or the hurling of false accusations. We must not needlessly divide ourselves.

I am enclosing some literature dealing with the general subject of subversion which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
God and Country or Communism
Series from Christianity Today
4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security

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Mesa, Arizona
9 May 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Enclosed is a reproduced clipping from our daily paper. Mr. Hoover, my husband and I have closely followed your advice on various phases of child raising, and with most satisfactory results. May we impose on your crowded schedule at this time?

As parents of two college students, we are gravely concerned with the messages coming from our churches today, such as pacifism at any price, recognition of Red China, abolition of the Connally Reservation, Bricker Amendment and House on Un-American Activities to mention our major concerns. At home they are hearing exactly the opposite. This tends to cause confusion in the mind of a 17 year old and an 18 year old.

It is our firm belief that if all churches would unite against Communism, that threat could be dispelled. However, with our clergy attacking personally and with non-Christian vehemence those laymen who go on record as being in disagreement, and then endorsing all the issues to which the majority of the laymen are opposed, America with her wonderful freedoms is being handed to the Communists on a silver platter.

Do you really feel we should not criticize our churches when they are leading us down the road outlined herein, together with publishing reading lists which are undermining America's morals?

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Communist Espionage into Religion

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RELIGION IN AMERICA:

FBI Warns on Vigilante-Type Charges Of Communist Infiltration in Churches

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

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Has Hoover's Backing

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communism domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissen- sion, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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May 16, 1961

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[redacted] aka, [redacted]
Mesa, Arizona [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

I have received your letter of May 9, with enclosure, also signed by your husband, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated. I do want to thank you for your observations on the matters you mentioned.

With respect to your question, I have always encouraged our citizens to educate themselves to the true nature and methods of the communist movement in order that they may intelligently resist the zealous efforts of its adherents to destroy our form of government. This knowledge also helps to avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. We cannot use vigilante action, or action outside the law, in combating communism, and it is the responsibility of the people to be certain of the facts and then to report these views to the proper authorities.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which [redacted] and you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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4-1-61 LEB Intro

Series from "Christianity Today"
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality Internal Security Statement 4-17-61

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *mf*

DATE: May 19, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JH*SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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A review of the Bureau file on Seattle Improvement Association disclosed that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Seattle Improvement Association, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) front group in Seattle, Washington. [redacted] is considered an SWP sympathizer. (100-432000)

[redacted] is [redacted] of the Friendship Baptist Church, 1211 King Street, Seattle, Washington, and rents a room above [redacted] for office headquarters of the Seattle Negro Independent Association, which is a group interested in the fair employment practices for Negroes. [redacted] is not a member of this group. (100-430172-226)

The Bureau has not conducted a security investigation of [redacted]

ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record and filing purposes in Bufile on Communism and Religion.

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Miss Gandy

Huron, [redacted]
May 8, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The article written by Louis Cassels of the United Press International which appeared in our Huron Daily Plainsman Friday, May 5th entitled "Charge of Communist Influence In Churches Workes To Reds' Gain" contains statements which I hope are true and accurate.

The article states "FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

"During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergyman or religious institutions on a national scale."

"Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches."

Please, please verify the above to be true and accurate in its entirety, if it is so. Such acknowledgement would be very valuable to me and others with whom I am associated.

The press has erred in experiences the organization for whom I work has encountered and I therefore feel that I should eliminate such a possibility before making use of this information.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this--and many, many thanks for the wonderful service you have rendered our beloved country and each individual citizen.

Respectfully yours, MAY 10 1961

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May 17, 1961

Informant

[Redacted]

Huron, South Dakota

Dear [Redacted]:

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I have received your letter of May 8, and I do want you to know that I am most appreciative of your kind comments about my administration of the FBI.

With respect to the article by Louis Cassels, I did want you to know that I am thoroughly familiar with Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan's presentation of the true nature and objectives of communism. Mr. Sullivan, in his addresses, has treated the subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy. For your ready reference, I am enclosing a copy of a resume of his statements on this subject. I am also sending several items setting forth my views on communism which you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communism and Religion (Speech by Sullivan)
4-1-61 LEB Intro.
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
One Nation's Response to Communism

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May 15, 1961

Edgar A. Hoover
Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Communist Infiltration in Religion

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The insidious and ravaging inroads of ~~Communist~~ infiltration within our ^{into the} country is shocking. However, the horrifying examples of this infiltration within the Catholic Church is even more frightening. For many years the members of our Church have enjoyed freedom from suspicion because the beliefs of our Faith are so opposed to Communistic government and secondly the Church has suffered extensive persecution in those countries that have become dominated by Communism. If we realize that the priests, sisters, and laity of the Catholic Faith are for the most part free of Communistic tendencies, so do the Communists realize this. Their stronghold would be to have Communistic corruption within and under the protection of the Catholic Church.

We have had two examples in the last three years of which I am familiar. One man, affiliated himself with the Catholic Youth Organization and from every exterior appearance was an outstanding Catholic. It was discovered that this man was a Communist. Another was an eighteen year old girl who attended one of our Catholic High Schools. She was an outstanding student who was respected by all in authority. It was later discovered that this girl was planted in the school and her objective was to undermine the sisters and their teachings. It was learned that this girl was trained three years in Russia. There are examples in other countries that even priests were Communistic plants.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire if you have considered the possibility of a few of our priests and sisters serving in the avocation of the work of your Bureau? In as much as the Communists have deemed it wise for such infiltration, would it not be to our advantage to do likewise? Although their activities would be limited, every eye counts now. Many of our priests and sisters are unusually intellectual, and their training has disposed them to discipline. With a little training they could learn observation from your standpoint. Personally, undermining, very subtly done, is a keynote to characters. This would be easy to observe. Too frequently, observations are discounted and some might even question the sanity of an informer due to complacency. Perhaps in a month or so I can give you a more concrete reason as to my concern.

A Catholic Institution, namely a hospital, would be an ideal location for a nest of Communistic activity to locate. The days that they hid in garages, and farms are over. Their activity is carried on right now in the most obvious but least expected places.

1. A Catholic hospital, although somewhat private, is really public. Who would think of questioning individuals going to visit patients, eating in coffee shops within the institution, visiting the Chapel?

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2. The lack of sister services has demanded a great influx of lay personnel within these institutions. We have been forced to accept any type of help because our wages do not compete with industry. Therefore, many of the sisters base their opinions of their worker on productivity, and dependability. It would not be difficult to fool anyone of us. The departments with higher skilled performance such as x-ray, laboratory, would be ideal places for implantation. Photography another.
3. The sisters who have devoted their lives to a mission of mercy and ask as a reward only Heaven, are not thinking in lines that their institution may be a site for "foreign affairs", at least most of the sisters think this way.
4. The sisters by their life rule are disciplined to certain hours of prayer, meals, and work. Everyone knows where the sisters are at a given time. What can be carried on during these periods of sister absence.
5. The completely unsuspecting environment of these institutions would be ideal for the diabolical minds to operate. I repeat this letter is not written without some fear that these activities are about this institution. Too many Americans think all is well. Too many sisters think this cannot be true.

These are a few reasons why I think you should chose a few sisters and priests to join your silent service and yet serve in their own vocations. The history of other countries shows you that they did infiltrate Catholic institutions. A few trained people who live in constant contact with each other, know and understand what is expected of them, can detect behavior which may not be in accord with a particular rule of life.

Lennin said that "the United States would fall due to softness". His predictions thus far have come to pass. To undermine the moral code of the Catholic Church, whose rigidity is more severe than the average social code, would be the last straw in their endeavors. I am now convinced that undermining within the Church will be and is now a method the Communists are employing.

I urge you to give this due consideration. I write this as a private citizen and not as a member of a Religious Community. This letter must be kept in confidence as no one knows that it is written. Could not trust it even to a better typist.

It would not be difficult for you to secure a few people who can work in their own particular profession as priests and sisters and still observe for you. It would have to be a personal contact and not a Community contact.

The time has come when we may no longer say, "a Catholic cannot be a Communist". Although in essence this statement is true, there is conclusive evidence that there have been and are individuals who under the pretense of being devout Catholics, have carried on activities subversive in nature. Are we so foolish to think that there are not others within our realm still to be discovered?

God bless you.

Sincerely yours

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May 22, 1961

SAC, Cleveland

Director, FBI

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 5-15-61 received from [redacted] Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Bufiles disclose that an individual who may be identical with [redacted] wrote to the Bureau a letter dated 8-12-58 with return address of [redacted] Hornell, New York, thanking the Bureau for courtesies extended to her group during a tour of Bureau facilities.

You are requested to have an experienced Agent discreetly contact [redacted] and orally acknowledge receipt of her letter at the Bureau. During the contact the identities of the subjects mentioned in paragraph two of her letter should be ascertained and any additional pertinent information in her possession concerning them should be obtained.

In regard to her statement that sisters and priests should be developed as informants, you should thank her for her observations concerning that matter. However, no further comments should be made to her regarding such informants. The results of the contact should be furnished promptly to the Bureau.

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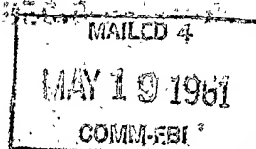
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states the communists are making inroads within the Catholic Church. She states that she is familiar with two such examples. She suggests that sisters and priests be developed as informants. She requests that her letter be maintained as confidential.

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May 6, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

*Communist Infiltration
into Religion*

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Mesa Tribune one week ago today. It appeals to many of us who are seeing suspicion, fear, name-calling and bitterness coming out of the charges of communism in the churches that these "vigilantes" are playing directly into the hands of the communists. Some of the people locally who are following the "vigilante" tactics do not believe that Louis Cassels prepared this article with the approval of your office.

It would help us here, I believe, if we could have a statement from you endorsing Mr. Cassels' statement. This would provide direction for us who are trying to maintain concern regarding the advance of communism in the world while advocating that the best defense against communism is a strong offense for Christianity.

I know that your position today is quite difficult, and that perhaps too many restrictions have been placed upon you. But, there are millions of people who depend upon your sanity and direction as we try to stay in the path that leads to stability.

Cordially and respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Mesa, Arizona

Fifteen East First Avenue

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May 18, 1961

First Methodist Church
15 East First Avenue
Mesa, Arizona

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 6, with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

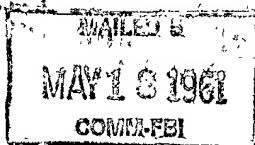
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Please accept my thanks for your kind remarks. I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which you may like to have. Your stamped, self-addressed envelope is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Series from "Christianity Today"
Correspondent's envelope

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the last outgoing under date of 1-23-61 in response to his questions
concerning the Anti-Communist Crusade and "Operation Abolition."

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

OR Religion

For many years I have admired you and the dedication of your services to our country. Your "Masters of Deceit" opened our eyes to what we are seeing today in every phase of national life.

Please note the enclosed. I am confident that our churches are infiltrated by the Communists despite such printed matter as the enclosed and would appreciate a YES or NO from you in this connection. I enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and a sheet of paper so that you may send me word

either YES or NO.

Very sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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May 23, 1961

[Redacted Address]

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter postmarked May 18, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your generous comments about my administration of the FBI and my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

Enclosed is some literature pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest, along with the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5) LEB Intro 4-1-61
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality Series from Christianity Today
4-17-61 statement re internal security Correspondent's enclosure
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The Methodist Church

The Methodist Church
P. O. BOX 85
Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Green Cove Springs, Florida

PHONE 9700

May 21, 1961

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DATE 5/1/00 BY 3003/ELW-CL-11C

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On April 29, 1961 an article appeared in the Jacksonville, Florida Journal by Mr. Louis ~~Cassels~~, United Press International, concerning the accusations that there are many communists among the Protestant clergy and considerable communist influence within the church. He indicated that you were personally concerned about this and that your office has found little evidence for it on a national scale. Furthermore, he said that Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has been speaking on the subject telling people not to be deceived by these charges.

Recently I have had to deal with some people who believe these charges to be true and I am writing to ask if you have any published material from your office concerning this matter; a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech, a public statement of your own, or some printed matter which indicates the findings of your office on these charges.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature Box]

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The Methodist Church
Post Office Box 85
Green Cove Springs, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated May 21, 1961, has been received, and I do appreciate the interest prompting your communication.

The concern you expressed is readily understandable, and I would like to emphasize the fact that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national tradition with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am enclosing some material which you may find pertinent at this time, together with a copy of Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan's presentation of the true nature and objectives of communism. He treated the subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy. It is, of course, understandable that people will react differently to speeches, contingent upon their diverse experiences, viewpoints, knowledge and interests. Mr. Sullivan fully exposes the falseness of communist thought and practices and he strongly emphasizes their dangers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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**"Communism & Religion" speech by Mr. Sullivan, 2-22-61.
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Series from "Christianity Today"
One Nation's Response to Communism
4-17-61 statement re internal security**

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ms. [signature]

[Redacted]
Eustis, Florida.
May 21, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

[Redacted] read a
letter from the pulpit yesterday, which he said
was signed by J. Edgar Hoover.

The substance of the letter was that there was
no truth to the statements that there are Communists
in ministerial ranks.

As Senator Walter Judd was on television a short
time previous to this and gave figures on the
number of ministers who were either Communists or
fellow travelers, I am most anxious to know the
truth.

Is it true that letters have been sent to ministers
denying Judd's statement, under the signature of
J. Edgar Hoover. Has Mr. Hoover sent any letter to
ministers?

Thanking you most earnestly for your reply, I am

Faithfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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P.S. I believe I have made an error..It is represen-
tative Judd, instead of Senator. Sorry.

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~~Eustis, Florida~~

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of May 21, 1961, has been received.

Information in the files of the FBI is confidential pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will realize that I did not make a statement as interpreted by you in your letter. I also want to assure you that I have never written any letters pertaining to Congressman Judd's report.

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Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Enclosed is some literature pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours, K

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
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Reds Fail To Infiltrate Churches, ^{5 1/2}/₆ But They Relish Charges Of Success

(Editor's Note: Once again charges of Communist infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.)

By LOUIS CASSELL,
United Press International

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches — sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

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Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may,

in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

CHARGE IS 'FALSEHOOD.'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 22, with enclosure, has been received.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

Enclosed is some literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism and Religion (speech by Mr. Sullivan)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Series from "Christianity Today"

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Communist Infiltration into Religion

John Edgar Hoover
FBI Director
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: "Reds Fail TO Infiltrate Churches, But They Relish Charges of Success" Article - by Louis Cassel

I would like to have this article which appeared in the Mansfield News-Journal, 20 May 1961 confirmed. I cannot believe that such an article is true. My personal opinion is that it consists of half-truths and lies, but still I would appreciate a statement.

What I can't understand is how the testimonies of Herbert Philbrick and members of the communists parties, who broke away, can be thrown out completely. These men have even put the finger on communists preaching behind the pulpit.

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I would appreciate any information upon this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover.
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Yours truly

Wallisville, Texas

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Wallisville, Tex
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
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Ministers who are in the ministry now and have churches they are ministers of at present time. Please let me know if this is true, and the proof thereof if so.

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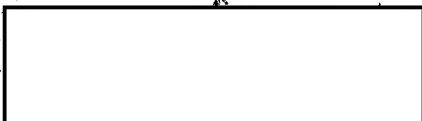
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Wallisville, Texas

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 24, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. We have never prepared a report such as you mentioned in your communication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some publications dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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4-1-61 LEB Intro
4-17-61 statement re Internal Security
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Once before I wrote to you but did not receive an answer, so possibly you didn't get it. I hope you will answer this one. After reading your "Master's of Deceit", and then hearing the remarks of Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, and the reactions caused by them, including the letter from you in the Arkansas Democrat, I have become greatly concerned about communism within the United States, and within our churches. I have seen documented facts, pamphlets, papers, put out by different groups as the Circuit Riders, Layman's organizations, and others. The daily papers carry so much news that looks like communism in action, once you have read the information I have just mentioned. Why is there so much criticism and ridicule heaped on all anti-communists from the John Birch Society, Harding College, to the HUAC and "Operation Abolition"?

I have been looking for the truth. All the reports given to me were shown to my pastor in the Methodist Church, and the Board of Stewards was told about the charges made concerning the National Council of Churches and our Methodist Church. They are forming a committee to look into it some time in the future. The last time I talked to him, he showed me clippings from the Arkansas Methodist and this paper, which I am enclosing. Does this mean that I should relax and quit worrying about communism? I wish I could have complete trust in our leaders to see that we are protected from infiltration. It is as the Gazette says, the majority of Americans are prepared to accept anything you say at face value. You are one man in this country that we have complete confidence in, and that is the reason I am writing to you

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again. It seems to me that these charges and facts should be taken one by one and proved false or true. It means so much to me and to my family and to others to know whether we should go all out to fight communism, or to believe the reports are not true. Our aim is to be good, loyal citizens, and to serve our country, and not hurt it one way or another.

I am enclosing some of the reports that are being widely circulated, and tell you questions that bother me.

What about these groups as the John Birch Society, the United Society of Methodist Laymen, the American Council of Christian Laymen, Circuit Riders ? If it is not true, why isn't something done?

Why was General Walker removed from his command, and why is he investigated rather than the Overseas Weekly?

Why is the Birch Society so ridiculed, when groups like Americans for Democratic Action, the Freedom Riders and the NAACP so revered?

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Why the controversy over "Operation Abolition", and why should the National Council of Churches object, and the WSCS of my Church? Why should the NCC oppose "Communism on the Map"? Why should the same newspapers that smeared the HUAC, then the John Birch Society, attack others who speak out like Harding College and individuals?

Do Mr. Sullivan's speeches mean that we should forget? I am afraid it is not possible. Won't you please advise me? I realize that you are limited in giving out information, but do tell me what a person should do?

Sincerely,



THE ARKANSAS LAYMAN

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CUBAN REVOLT A DISGRACE

A Blot On American Prestige

The ill-timed and ill-fated rebellion against Castro's Cuba will leave a blot on American prestige. Regardless of who is to blame for the disaster, the fact remains that America looks "a bit foolish" in the eyes of the world.

This should be no new experience for us when it comes to our relationship in Cuba.

We greeted Castro's rebellion with open arms praising him as everything from a Santa Claus to another George Washington.

Of course, we had a great deal of assistance through propaganda issued by our Churches as late as 1960. As late as February 1960 when the U. S. News and World report was publishing an article exposing Castro's Communist rule, Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord lauded Castro for the new born freedom of Cuba. Bishop Lord praised the revolutionarily leader as "the symbol of freedom."

In contrast U. S. News and World Report stated that "Communist rule in Cuba follows a pattern where, in charge of Labor, Education, Secret Police, Armed Forces, practically everything." On January 24, 1961, the New York Times reported from Havana: "A purge that observers believe will eliminate anti-Communist labor leaders in Cuba is being conducted by the Confederation of Cuban Workers, the central organization controlling labor on the island. A purge committee has been appointed and is headed by David Salvador, secretary-general of the confederation. Among its members are Jesus Soto, Jose Aguilera and Odon de la Campa... The labor unions, which are grouped into federations in the organization of the confederation, as well as the federation themselves, have been thrown into turmoil by the ruthless tactics reported being used by the confederation purging committee." Senores Soto, Aguilera and de la Campa are known as Communists.

In a personal letter, released to the Arkansas Laymen, the Editor of the Arkansas Methodist, Mr. Erwin T. Wayland stated that we neither endorsed or denounced the opinions expressed by Bishop Lord. "We printed the story because he thought that many of our readers would like to know some peoples estimation and appraisals."

If the ill-planned invasion of Cuba is a disgrace to the Government of the United States then the opinions and propaganda issued by many of our own Ministers which helped set up Communist Cuba is even more a blot on our record.

Church Urged To Hasten School Integration

Another step in pressuring for assistance in enforcing the Supreme Court ruling on Segregation was taken recently when the Commission on Christian Social Concerns attempted to push the adoption of a resolution pledging Church action through the official board of one of Little Rock's largest Methodist Churches.

In the resolution proposed by the Commission it was noted that the greater Little Rock Ministerial Association, meeting on March 27, adopted by a vote of 50 to one a resolution.

Noted that the opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit rendered on March 2, 1961, in the case of Norwood against Tucker, involving integration in the Little Rock Public Schools expressed the view that "sufficient time has elapsed to compel an affirmative action in this regard, to the end that there may be integration in more than a token fashion" and reiterated the responsibility of the Little Rock School Board to "take affirmative steps on their own initiative to facilitate and accomplish operation of the school district on a nondiscriminatory basis"; and

Urged the ministers and religious leaders to seek to prepare the members of their congregations toward the end that in all good faith our schools might need the requirements of the court ruling in a peaceable and orderly fashion.

The commission further added that it believes "the Little Rock School Board would welcome the proposed assistance of the Ministers in the Community." The official Board was asked to resolve that it "accepts the opportunity to assist in the educational and spiritual preparation of the members of this congregation toward the end of achieving a Christian understanding and acceptance of such greater degree of integration as may be required to constitute compliance with the ruling of the court."

"Request the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, in collaboration with the Commission on Education, of this Church to work with the ministers in the planning and execution of this endeavor."

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WAKE UP AMERICA

There is becoming more evident every day from Television, Radio, and other sources that the American people are rising to the call for freedom by ever increasing numbers.

Facts hidden from the average American, by their own Government are beginning to leak out. Conservative, patriotic newspapers.

From all over, this great Country, citizens are beginning to wake up the time to stop, think, read and act.

THE GRASS ROOT MOVEMENT IS ON! Although heartening, this fight has just begun!

WAKE UP, AMERICA, and join some patriotic organization that is fighting for the survival of the United States. It's up to you!

Law Dean Assails Loyalty

Dean Ralph Barnhart, speaking before the State Convention of the Little Rock Women Voters, April 22, said, "The United States must rid itself of a 'almost pathological concern about Loyalty' before it can become a mature society."

Assailing the members of the John Birch Society whom he called "inhuman," Dean Barnhart compared the Society to the late Joseph McCarthy. The only defense, he said, is that they are "loyal." "Isn't that the stupidest defense Loyalty made of the unspeakable Birch Society in that about the only defense that can be put up for them, they are Loyal Americans."

Elaborating on his statement that the U. S. must rid itself of its concern for loyalty, Barnhart stated, "Loyalty of this kind is a pretty uncertain quantity, and demonstrates the absurdity of seeking to save ourselves by trying to drive people out of government who don't have that kind of loyalty."

Editors Comment:

Perhaps Dean Barnhart is unaware of the need of loyal individuals and organizations in this Country. We might refer him to an article which appeared in a New York Journal-American by Dan Brigham: "More than 1,000 known Communists were working for the U. S. Government - many of them in the Defense Department." Rep. Francis E. Walter (D. Pa., Chairman, House Un-American Activities Committee) charged bitterly September 7.

"Two of the kind I'm talking about have turned up in Moscow-Bernon E. Mitchell, 31, and William H. Martin, 29," the congressman said.

"What makes this situation particularly sick is the fact that they were hired in the particularly sensitive National Security Agency despite their known records of sexual deviation."

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DIXIE IMAGE PASSE, SAYS HALE

Milas H. Hale, assistant Attorney General, said in a speech before the women members of the Democratic Party in Little Rock, Arkansas should erase its Dixie image.

Hale, regional director of the Young Democrats of America told his audience that the national image of Arkansas was that of "a strict one party State, controlled by radical segregationists, ultra conservative in nature with a low mentality."

Hale declared the factors contributing to this national image included the State's segregationist problem. He stated that the Supreme Court had set down a law with its 1954 school desegregation ruling, and that if Arkansas didn't work out.

ways of obeying it, the Federal Government would step in through the Court and see that the State did.

Hale further criticized Arkansas and other Southern Congressmen for siding with conservatives on other issues, saying this weakened the States standing with the National Democratic Party.

Taking a poke at the State Legislature for "passing so many crazy resolutions" Hale stated that the Legislature has dealt with subjects it needn't have bothered with like the House un-American Activities Committee and a recognition of Red China.

Arkansas should not align itself with the rest of the South and create an independent image of its own, Hale told his audience.

The Arkansas Laymen wonder if it would not be better for the State as a whole, if speakers such as Milas H. Hale, Assistant Attorney General, would apply their speaking talents toward "selling Arkansas" rather than criticizing the traditional beliefs of its people?

Christianity Can Do Without America, But America Cannot Do Without Christianity.

Late News

THE Arkansas Laymen learned today that an official of the North Little Rock Boy's club told the Woman's Auxiliary organization that they were not to have any more speeches such as those made by Doyle Venable, Arkansas Layman official, April 13. Venable attacked the National Council of Churches' red infiltration into our churches and schools. Commenting on the report, Venable said, "I've known that nationwide the 'left-wingers' were taking over, but I didn't realize that it had come to the local level." All I did was to quote published facts, including J. Edgar Hoover's published remarks.

Notification has been received by Air Force Reserve Units from headquarters, Mitchell Air Force Base, ordering suspension of showings of films, "Operation Abolition" and "Communism On The Map".

Government authorities refused to confirm the appointment of Ed McKinley, prominent Little Rocker, to the post of acting Postmaster of Greater Little Rock. McKinley, a former member of the Little Rock School Board, had been attacked by many local groups, reportedly on the basis of his stand on interregation. In a blistering speech Congressman Alford, who had endorsed the appointment of McKinley, suggested that the opposition to McKinley came from such groups as the NAACP.

UA AND PHILANDER SMITH FELLOWSHIP

The Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas were hosts to a group of students and the dean of Men of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, April 21-25, in what was described by the WESLEYAN, official Methodist Student Publication, as a "very challenging and worthwhile week-end."

We of the Wesley foundation at the University of Arkansas are very fortunate to have a group of students and the Dean of Men from Philander Smith College in Little Rock as our guests," the WESLEYAN stated, "and we extend a warm welcome to our visitors."

SHARE IN STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Upon arrival, the Fellowship Committee entertained the visiting group and University students with a "Drop-in" party at the Student Center.

Other activities of the University Wesley Foundation and the Philander Smith Students included a Sunday morning Wesley forum Hour in which two Philander Smith Students and two University students participated in a panel discussion.

"A Christian Student Faces The Modern Campus." According to the WESLEYAN, sub-topics were: "On Being Honest With Oneself," "How Big Is My Campus," "Am I My Fellow Student's Keeper?" and "What rewards May a Christian Student Hope To Gain?"

"A Special feature of the week-end visit is an informal discussion on the sit-in and kneel-in demonstrations at the Student Center at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon."

FRANKS LEADS "ST-IN" SESSION

Another feature of the planned festivities, was a Friday afternoon Bull Session, at which DON FRANKS, LITTLE ROCK, leads a discussion on the sit-ins and kneel-ins; FRANKS, is the son of Reverend Franks,

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Communism And The Clergy

E.T. Burgess

Much has been said of late about Communism infiltrating the churches and the Ministry. Perhaps not enough has been said about it. Did you know that the 9,000 clergymen in the United States whose names have been linked with the Communist conspiracy represent the largest number of any professional or occupation? They exceed every other category, including educators which run second with 6,000. This one fact alone is enough to convince us that some clergymen are getting out of bounds with respect to their calling. We could rest our case at this point, but let us notice what

Herbert A. Philbrick, for nine years an F.B.I. counterspy who joined the Communists to learn their secrets, and who worked in the Communist Party with preachers, has to say on the matter. We quote:

"The Communists have made a great advance in their use of clergymen---virtually no Communist or Communist-front activity takes place today without ministerial and church support, sponsorship or participation. Most of the persons involved---in the pulpit, in publishing, in the training of ministers---have been duped---But it will come as a jolt to many Christians to discover that some of the members of the clergy are not duped but hardened Communists who are completely loyal to Russia. I am not guessing about this. I saw those ministers in action---ruthless Communist leaders prostituting the Christian ministry to the evil of atheism and oppression. They knew exactly what they were doing. They were clergymen because it suited their purpose and that of their superiors---"

One clergyman is worth a thousand laymen to the Communists. This is why they have concentrated their efforts in this direction. It is time some churches and church members awoke to the truth.

"It is no accident that your church is the number-one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today. The Reds have been flushed from previous cover. Since the war the Communists have suffered severe setbacks in the field of labor. They have lost control of many unions they once dominated. Having lost power there, they have sought to gain power in another area---and the churches were selected as the target."

Concerning the President's Committee on National Goals: "If the president had really wanted to know what America's National Goal is, he could have found out in ten minutes by reading the Declaration of Independence. If he had wanted to know precisely what the federal government can do about realizing that goal, he could have found out by reading the Constitution of the United States."---The Dan Smoot Report.

Since 1776, millions have tried to preserve the traditions of these United States. Are we to twiddle our thumbs and permit it to become beaten down in the name of Peace?

"You never heard of Jesus going about taking people out of the slums," he walked in the squalored streets taking the slums out of the people." Paul Harvey

ARKANSAS LAYMEN

The Arkansas Laymen is a group of men composed of businessmen, like those you pass on the street, each day in your own community. It was founded, not as an anti-anything organization but, rather as a for America group, that deeply believes in the founding principles of this nation, a free country, unafraid under God.

The Arkansas Laymen is not, at this moment a big money backed organization...but, it is a proud organization, proud of this United States of America, proud of the American heritage of freedom, and proud of its belief in God.

If you would like more information about the Arkansas Laymen, its purposes, its activities, Write: Arkansas Laymen, Box 156, Levy, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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"IN OUR OPINION"

DEATH OF PATRIOTISM

Strange as it may sound, and hard as it may be to believe, the time has come when in America---the land of free speech---citizens who dare to speak out and take action against the Communist subversion in their own nation are pilloried on the front pages of the news papers, characterized in cartoons, and belittled in editorials.

Decent Americans whose only crime is that of loyalty have been made to appear indecent through vicious, spiteful, and malicious attacks. What was once a revered word in this country, patriotism, is now considered by the modern society as undignified.

It is a crying shame that a Nation conceived in, and dedicated to freedom should have reached the point where its citizens should stand on public platforms and attack groups of individuals for being good, fashioned patriots. It is even more shameful that those individuals and organizations alike who have had the courage to speak out against Communist infiltration and for concepts of basic Constitutional Government, have become almost "untouchables". From the Socialist press and Radio to the boundaries and within of the Nation has come the words witch-hunt applied to any individual, any Committee, any Organization which effectively deferred the tide of Communist ideas. The same term, the same smear tactics were used on Martin Dies whose name in many households throughout the land became a dirty word; on Joseph McCarthy on whom the Communist coined the dreaded word "McCarthyism".

In December the national news papers headlines screamed with bitter editorials in a campaign against the HUAA and J. Edgar Hoover. More recently the character assassination attacks have been directed against the John Birch Society and any member who admitted having connections with that organization.

No word has become too dirty, too vicious, or too filthy to splash on an American Patriot who dares raise his voice against Communism. Because millions and millions of Americans have believed lies and have taken as truth the smear attacks and character assassinations superintended by the Communists against American

Patriots, a great nation is crumbling to pieces. A nation strong, can survive without the fiber of patriotism. It weaves the loyalty of its people. When patriotism becomes a out of date, there are three, simple questions which need to be asked.

Are we ashamed of our Nation?
Are we ashamed of our flag?
Are we ashamed of our GOD?

What's Wrong With Loyalty?

Ralph Barnhart, dean of the University of Arkansas Law School recently spoke to the state convention of the League of Women Voters. In the course of describing patriots as "immature", he casually stated that "the United States must rid itself of an almost pathologic concern about loyalty before it can become a mature society."

"Loyalty of this kind is a pretty uncertain quantity and demonstrates the absurdity of seeking to save ourselves by trying to drive people out of government who don't have that kind of loyalty", he said.

Barnhart went on to comment that "I cannot conceive of a mature society that harbors within its bosom the degree of anti-human prejudice that seems to possess us all."

With these matter-of-fact statements, he not only shocked the convention delegates, to whom he spoke, but stirred the wrath of patriots throughout the area---within mailing distance of the local dailies. He even managed to break the spell which the "conspiracy lullaby" has held over much of the unsuspecting public.

Since he is dean of the University's law school, we wonder if he has read the American Bar Association's list of Communist Party Objectives---the things the Communist Party must accomplish in order to conquer this nation. If he

hasn't already read the list he could obtain one from his own library which would point out that the 4th Objective is the abolition of all loyalty oaths, within the federal security system.

Is this law school dean so uninformed to the Communist take over that he is blindly molding the opinions of young law students for and against the Communist Party Objective? Just what kind of a "mature" society will Barnhart be speaking for? Is he one of the one-world advocates who believes that Communism can be achieved and the Soviets under the guise of "brotherhood"?

We do not question Barnhart's right to his own opinion but we do raise the question of whether or not he is using his position to spread this warped view of loyalty to his students that look toward their leaders for examples.

It has been established by the communists themselves that among the more valuable assets in the conspiracy are the anti-anti-Communists.

We are at war and if Barnhart does not know this, somebody should inform him.

We have been warned time and again by official reports from legislative, investigative committees, and the FBI that decisions now being made could well determine whether we remain a free people or whether they are our last decisions.

Men such as Barnhart make other men more curious about the hue and cry of communist infiltration into education. That is not meant to imply that any educator who voices a leftward view is a communist. Far more dangerous than a communist professor are others who ignorantly promote the communist party line in the name of progress and modernism.

Since when is it described as "anti-human prejudice" to require of an American, complete loyalty to his country? Isn't it about time that we as taxpaying citizens---became interested in those who are educating our children?

We extend our deepest admiration to those honorable, loyal, American educators who will probably feel the public reaction to one man's misconceptions.

An Open Letter To Robert Kennedy

April 11, 1961

Mr. Robert F. Kennedy,
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The attorney General of the United States, whose responsibility is the defense of the security of this Nation, should throw the weight of his Office behind any organization of patriotic citizens whose major purpose is to defend this country against Communism. Such an organization is the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

But last week we were treated to your opinion on a national TV hookup, openly smearing the Society as "ridiculous", "humorous", and "a hindrance". In doing this, you have joined up with the left-wing Establishment to do all in your power to destroy the one best organization (up to this date) whose growing membership is making such real progress. The left wingers are now feeling the pinch and they are squirming.

There can be little gain in ridiculing a n organization whose devoted members are working strenuously under their serious slogan, "Less Government, More Responsibility, and a Better World".

As Attorney general, it might profit you to learn from the tragic mistakes of preceding administrations:

Would we not today have a better world, or at least a safer world, if Franklin Roosevelt hadn't laughed off the information he received from the FBI about Harry Dexter White, who led the planning for the destruction of this Nation? White's Communist record, according to the FBI, was indisputable and terrifying.

And would we not today have a safer world had not Harry Truman, again disregarding all FBI warnings, successfully ridiculed as "red herrings" the wrecking crew which went along with Alger Hiss and his Communist planners and plotters?

Do American Mothers and Fathers know that the Communists within the Nation have been ordered to "make Communists out of Children" (the task of the entire party)? After two generations of purposely sloppy teaching in many of America's Schools, running down the American way of life and America's great traditions, and playing up Socialism, we now have literally millions of citizens who don't know the history of their own Country. America need not fear power wielded by Patriotic Americans, but rather power wielded by those who would censor them.

Supreme Court Versus Communism

BECAUSE OF RULINGS OF THE SUPREME COURT,

the congressional committees are denied the right to determine whether the questions asked of pro-Communist witnesses are pertinent. In other words, the supreme Court has tied the hands of congressional committees investigating Communism.

The individual states are not permitted to enforce their own anti-subversive laws.

The Supreme Court has made it no crime to teach or advocate the violent overthrow of the government.

The executive branch of the government cannot dismiss security risks from positions in the government.

American can deport a "criminal" but not a Communist.

The United States must grant passports to those who refuse to sign non-Communist affidavits.

The United States must permit members of the Communist conspiracy to practice law.

In decisions involving the Communists, Chief Justice Earl Warren has voted 92% in favor of such measures as those listed.

And would we not have a safer world today if Dwight Eisenhower had thrown out the subversives in the State Department and the Pentagon (as he was elected to do) and had handled the Communist threat with realistic force rather than with the futility of appeasement, such as his personal invitation to Khrushchev who was wine and dined in this country as if he were a fine Christian gentleman?

This is not a laughing matter any more. It's deadly serious and the very survival of this Nation is at stake. The John Birch Society would never have become necessary if our elected leaders had defended America interests in these crises.

The John Birch society is the most American thing in America today. It can best be likened to the New England farmers who came to the defense of their country at Concord and Lexington.

The John Birch Society is not fascist in its makeup. Its membership is not compulsory and any member can drop out at any time. The John Birch Society would welcome an official investigation. Its members as witnesses would automatically guarantee not to hide behind the First Amendment or the Fifth Amendment.

Let's have that investigation.

Mr. Attorney General, a n d when you find you are not dealing with fascists or subversives or professional trouble-makers, let's have a strong, determined anti-Communist attitude in our present Government by the House of Kennedy, whose a bulwark in Catholicism should make any anti-Communist position not only easy but natural and most important.

Mr. R. B. Snowden,
Memphis Tennessee

30 Years Ago

Dimitri Z. Manuilsky, one of the Russian representatives to the United Nations, in a speech before the Lenin school of Political Warfare in Moscow in 1930, boasted, "War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. To win, we will need the element of surprise. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record...The Capitalist countries...will co-operate in their own destruction. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist." The thirty years are up, and we have experienced the greatest peace movement on record.

Air Manual Charges Were True

AN EDITORIAL

In recent weeks the Arkansas Gazette, in its editorial columns, has repeatedly used the Air Force Manual scandal as an example to make a point on another subject. This was done on 2 different occasions -- both in what could be interpreted as sneering writings against patriotism.

Both were stated to give the impression that the Air Force Manual charged the National Council of Churches in its "manual" under a section headed "Communism in Religion". This controversy erupted in January, 1960.

It would appear that this was done to sway the thinking of persons not familiar with the Air Force Manual controversy in order to brainwash them into agreement with that particular attack on another segment of patriotism.

It is true that Thomas S. Gates, then Secretary of Defense, and Dudley Sharp, Secretary of the Air Force (under Eisenhower) DID express public regrets to the National Council that the manual had ever been issued. They made this apology without any sort of an investigation concerning the charges contained in the manual.

What this editorial writer apparently doesn't know -- or doesn't WANT to know -- is that Secretary Sharp did NOT banish the manual as untrue or inaccurate.

U. A. AND PHILANDER SMITH

Methodist District Superintendent of this area and is reported to be the new assistant pastor of the Lakewood Methodist Church, North Little Rock, upon graduation from the University of Arkansas.

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM

As a climax to the Fellowship weekend the members of the Philander Smith Group shared in the presentation of the Central Methodist's "Family Night" program. The program featuring vocal numbers by the Philander Smith students, related the Philander Smith Story -- a description of Philander Smith's program and aims.

Rev. Harold Eggenspecken, pastor of the Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville, previously served as the Methodist District Superintendent, the position now held by Rev. Frank.

WESLEYAN EXPRESSES 'SINCERE APPRECIATION'

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Seals (Dean of Men) and the Philander Smith students for their contributions. The Wesleyan said, "and we look forward with great anticipation to a very challenging and worthwhile week-end."

LAYMAN'S COMMENT: It is a well-known fact that the NAACP "sponsors" and "promotes" the sit-in and kneel-in agitation throughout the South. What is the Methodist Church coming to, when it's student foundation, and young future ministers turn their discussions to sit-in and kneel-in demonstrations?

Have our students become too modern and sophisticated to study a n d discuss old-fashioned Christianity? Are we turning out ministers who are interested only in modern concepts and not in learning and teaching the spiritual beliefs in Jesus Christ and God?

HAS THE NAACP TAKEN OVER THE METHODISTS?

In fact a few days after his groveling apology to James Wine, Associate General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, Sharp appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and admitted that the charges contained in the manual were TRUE. Nor would that editorial writer want to admit in his columns that the manual in question is still in circulation and was placed back into the hands of Air Force personnel shortly after the publication -- when it was determined that the charges were true.

James Wine wrote a letter to Secretary Gates in the Department of Defense protesting against remarks in an Air Force instruction manual. Wine demanded that the Department of Defense repudiate the manual, withdraw it from use, recall all distributed copies and give the National Council a complete explanation. These wishes were complied with but before any investigation had been made.

The manual in question was issued by the training command headquarters at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A total of 3,290 of the 6,100 copies which were printed had been distributed to reserve training centers of the Air Force throughout the United States.

The National Council complaint was directed against a section under the heading of "Communism in Religion".

This section read: "From a variety of authoritative sources, there appears to be overwhelming evidence of communist anti-religious activity in the United States through infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions."

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-communist fronts, projects and publications."

Dr. Billy James Hargis, of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Christian Crusade, happened to be in Washington to record interviews of conservative congressmen, military men, ambassadors and diplomats for an 8 hour Christian Crusade Radio marathon scheduled over Radio Station XEG April 1.

Much of the information contained in the Air Force Manual was taken from literature of Dr. Hargis' Christian Crusade.

Dr. Hargis issued the following statement to the Washington Post, the United Press International and the Associated Press:

"In my opinion, the NCC has done more to nurture Communism than any single organization in the United States. It is nothing short of folly for the United States to spend \$60 billion a year to defend our country against communism abroad and here at home hide our eyes to the realities of communist infiltration in our country."

"Although I have not read the Air Force publication that quotes me, I think God that at last some responsible government agency has had the fortitude to question the dubious activities of the NCC which claims to represent so many Protestants, when in reality it represents so few. I note that the NCC official convention is scheduled for Oklahoma City next week and I would gladly be willing to debate the validity of the Air Forces charges concerning communism."

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HATS OFF!

It is always easier to have beliefs, than it is to speak out publicly for the beliefs. This month, the Arkansas Layman, salutes, with a tip of our hat, CONGRESSMAN DALE ALFORD and GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER, General Walker, commander of U. S. troops in Germany, was relieved of his command when he allegedly allowed John Birch literature to be distributed to his troops in Germany.



CONGRESSMAN DALE ALFORD AND DOYLE K. VENABEE DURING A RECENT MEETING.

In defending Walker before the House, Alford said, "I will defend with all the vigor I possess his right to speak out against the forces of evil at work against this nation. I think it shameful that Walker has been accorded such short-sighted and unfair treatment merely because he dared to carry out the fight against atheistic communism."

Hats off to two men who are not afraid of speak out.

What we need most is a press that leans RIGHT instead of left.

NEWS IN REVIEW

Representative Frances Walter, Chairman of the House of Un-American Activities Committee, said that American educators were making his fight against Communism more difficult. Walter lashed out at College Professors, and other educators who, he says, have complicated the operations of his committee.

"I'm just doing a job," he said, "and it's a stinking job, one I don't relish. One of the things that makes it more difficult is the opposition of those who have more at stake in this fight than anyone else."

President Kennedy told a news conference that the U. S. faces an extremely serious problem with the Communist. Commenting on the John Birch Society controversy Kennedy stated "I am not sure that the John Birch is wrestling with the real problems which are created by the Communist advance around the world." Kennedy further said that Major General Erwin E. Walker was not relieved just for "talking against the Communist."

Veteran Socialist leader Norman Thomas told a news conference yesterday that he had asked Defense Secretary Robert McNamara to prevent the showing in military establishments of an anti-Communist film "Communism on the Map," produced by the National Education Program at Sears, Arkansas.

If the Defense Department does not ban the film, Thomas said he would appeal to President Kennedy.

The film is "false and misleading" in making sweeping charges that various leaders and nations are either communists or communist-infiltrated. The film said.

AF Manual Cont'd

nism infiltration of American Churches with the NCC president Dr. Edwin Theodore Dahlberg.

That next night, Congressman Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee stated, "the charges linking Communism with Churches were true and that his committee might investigate the withdrawal of the manual."

At a press conference the following day, Walter said "Secretary Thomas E. Gates would have done well to have investigated the facts respecting the bureaucracy which runs the National Council of Churches before he issued his groveling apology to them over the contents of the Air Force manual."

Walter continued; "the National Council of Churches of Christ which fraudulently claims to speak for 38 million American Protestants has in the aggregate a record of hundreds of affiliations with communist fronts and causes."

Dr. Hargis sent a telegram to Dr. Dahlberg, challenging him, to meet in debate on the issue of communism and churches in the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Thursday night, Feb. 25, 1960.

On February 19, 1960, Dr. Edwin Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, sent the following telegram to Dr. Hargis: "There is nothing to debate. The action of the Air Force in publishing the Manual is a decisive answer. Will be glad to meet with you personally while in Oklahoma City, (signed Edwin T. Dahlberg)." One example of Dr. Dahlberg using a blatant lie to dodge the issue of a debate is the fact that the Air Force did not publish the manual. As it was pointed out in preceding paragraphs, the manual is still in circulation among Air Force personnel.

The night of Thursday, February 25, 1960, Dr. Hargis spoke to a packed auditorium in the Hall of Mirrors, Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City. Dr. Dahlberg took an airplane out of the city some 45 minutes to an hour before Dr. Hargis appeared. He refused to meet Dr. Hargis publicly to discuss his own personal communist front activities or infiltration in churches.

(Space will not permit us to outline Dr. Dahlberg's dozens of communist-front activities.) Dr. Hargis told his audience, "There is nothing to say to Dr. Dahlberg in private that I can't say openly. I feel that if I was wrong, as the National Council leaders said in their press conferences in which they attacked those of us who exposed the National Council leadership, this would give them an excellent opportunity to expose me before an audience of my friends in Oklahoma City. DR. DAHLBERG WAS IN OKLAHOMA CITY, ALL THE LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WERE THERE FOR THEIR ANNUAL BOARD MEETING. This would afford them a wonderful opportunity to expose me if the things I had said were not true. BUT, NO, THEY HAD NO ANSWER FOR MY CHARGES."

It is shameful that the NCC never gave a true explanation of the charges but sneered the ones who leveled the charges. This is typical communist technique to attack the man instead of answering his charges. There were many other side-lights to the controversy and countless deplorable steps taken by left-wing elements across the nation including the condemnation of Dr. Hargis and

Lamb Praises Court's Stand on Nondiscrimination



LAMB

One of the six members of the Little Rock school board, Ted Lamb, the board secretary, has brought into the open his longstanding disagreement with the board policy to restrict the number of Negro students admitted to the white schools. He favors increasing Negro admissions before the federal courts lose patience with Little Rock and order wholesale desegregation overnight. Lamb publicized his disagreement with board policy in a statement March 4 commencing on the new appeals court ruling and in a talk March 22 to the League of Women Voters.

Lamb, owner of an advertising agency, was elected to the board in December, 1958. There had been indications previously that Lamb and the other board members did not see eye to eye on how to handle the desegregation problems.

Lamb made his clear in a statement on the Appeals Court ruling, which began, "The recent decision of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals confirms my long-held conviction that the present policy of the school board is further strife and economic uncertainty. Our town

Church Urged Cont'd

Comments the Little Rock School Board for the difficult and trying task it is so selflessly performing."

Reliable sources told the Arkansas Layman that the resolution which was defeated was adopted to be passed with some formal reading before the board.

The resolution proposed by the Commission on a Christian Social Concerns coincides with statements by Ted Lamb, Board of Education, released earlier this month.

It is not to wage a struggle against Communism but to win it. Our strategy must be primarily offensive in nature. To these ends we must always engage the enemy at times and places and with weapons of our own choosing." — Barry Goldwater

Abraham Lincoln said: "The people are the rightful masters of both Congresses and Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert its meaning."

J. Edgar Hoover: "If we were to take an accurate census it would show that there are more Communists living in New York City than there are living in Moscow."

Dean Assall's Cont'd

The FBI had a complete file on them, I am informed, but its details were short-circuited in transmission to the NSA.

Who and what short-circuited that information before it would have protected United States interests from rank betrayal is the sort of thing we are determined to uncover in an all-out investigation starting September 16.

"We've got to find that out while we still have some defense secrets to protect."

must come to realize that the courts mean business in insisting that our school system be totally nondiscriminatory both in theory and in practice. By 1963, up 'til now the Tucker-dominated school board has insisted that by some devious means we could out-trick, out-manuever and defy the federal government. Such a policy is as foolish as it is disastrous. I have opposed the present pol-

icy of the school board from both a practical and a moral position. The school board has never seriously sought to rally the forces of Christianity and good will in our town to enter in compliance with the court on a moral basis. The board seems to pay more attention to a handful of bigots and racists than to those who work for justice and righteousness in our city."

will you survive?

There is no succinct way to describe communism.

The communist philosophy is a philosophy in action. It's basic action and attitude is that of uncompromising hostility to all non-communist countries and to the ideas within them.

It is armed with the strength and resources of Russia, with its 200 million people living there, using that country's might to further strengthen itself with an empire of over 700 million other people.

This philosophy is the guiding motive for a network of organized adherents in all countries whose loyalties are in favor of the Communists. These persons are basically alienated from their respective nations and fellow citizens and committed to the overthrow of the existing social order.

The United States has been under deadly assaults for many years on numerous fronts at once by an enemy whose motive for hostility is not any practical grievance or limited aspiration but rather the basic will to destroy the order of life in the United States in order to make room for a communist rule.

The front lines of the battle are anywhere and everywhere. In the field of international power relations, communism has pursued an aggressive policy toward isolating the United States in order to destroy our power. Towards this aim the communists have pressed with or without war by means of diplomacy, propaganda, trade and subversion.

In the framework of internal political and social order the enemy has sought to influence, paralyze or disintegrate the processes of our common life, operating with the outward appearance of responsible citizenship.

In the realm of ideas, the enemy has attempted to use many kinds of intellectual and cultural activities in order to

destroy all loyalties other than those to communist leadership.

Some persons tend to mistake communism for a mere part of what it is and does and are not informed about its concealed aspects. Others find the communist philosophy and advance strange and incomprehensible.

Ignorance of communism in all its aspects is the dangerous weakness in this struggle which might well prove fatal.

The Arkansas Layman is in existence for only one purpose -- to inform those who are lost within their everyday life to the infiltration of this cancer into the many phases of American life.

We cannot survive in this struggle too much longer if public apathy to the question continues.

It has become a popular sport among liberals and leftists to smear any group or person who seeks to awaken the people to the creeping take-over now in progress.

Those who condemn the patriots without first considering the facts are reminiscent of the purges inside slave countries where men were condemned without hearings on the basis of bigotry and prejudices.

We would like for YOU to be a part of the Arkansas Layman. We would like a chance to give you facts to weigh and documented evidence to read. We want YOU to join in the fight to save your country from slavery. We merely want YOU to get acquainted with the facts not opinions.

It is voiced quite freely by those who are complacent and others that "It's the FBI's job to fight communism." Do you really believe that the FBI has enough men to fight the battle alone? There are estimated to be only 7,000 FBI agents to deal with the equivalent of 20 divisions of enemy troops now operating in this country.

Now is the time for patriots to rise up together -- under God.

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- 38) Peoples Institute of Applied Religion
Cited as subversive and Communist.

Attorney General Tom Clark

"One of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

- 39) People's Lobby

Its slogan, according to its officers, "To balance consumption and production by eliminating profit," its program, "Increased taxation of the rich; socialization of ground rent and reduction of interest rates as steps towards the elimination of profits; public ownership of banking, natural resources, transportation, communication and all basic industries; government marketing and government housing corporations."—"This program is in accord with the Socialist-Communist system of Russia."

- 40) The Protestant (Formerly known as Protestant Digest)

"A magazine which fanatically spreads Communist propaganda under the guise of being a religious journal."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

A "Communist publication."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

- 41) Schappes Defense Committee

"A front organization with a strictly Communist objective, namely, the defense of a self-admitted Communist who was convicted of perjury in the courts of New York."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

"Among typical front organizations for the defense, honor or support of known Communists."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

- 42) Socialist Party

Insofar as ultimate ends are concerned, there is no distinction between Socialism and Communism. Socialists seek to take over the government by legislative means, if possible, resorting to a throat-cutting revolution only as a last resort. Many Communist leaders of today got their training in the Socialist Party. Socialists and Communists cooperate in many specific activities on a United Front basis. Earl Browder, former General Secretary, Communist Party, explains: "The program of the Socialist Party and the program of the Communist Party have a common origin in the document written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1847-1848, known as the Communist Manifesto. There is no difference, so far as the program is concerned, in its final aim. The differences between the Socialist and Communist parties are gradually being eliminated, and one unified Socialist or Communist movement is emerging."

- 43) United Christian Council for Democracy

A United Front movement, sponsored by leading Socialist, Communist and radical leaders in the churches. Its purpose, according to its official statement, was "to draw together the different left wing groups into a United Front Movement." One of its major activities in 1940 was a militant campaign against the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities.

- 44) Washington Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo
Cited as a Communist front.

California Committee on Un-American Activities

- 45) Signer of "World Tomorrow" Poll

Voted in favor of Socialism, a drastic increase in inheritance and income taxes, a "cooperative commonwealth" instead of capitalism.

- 46) War Resisters League

American affiliate of the revolutionary Socialist-Communist War Resisters International. Its pledge for enrollment says: "I declare it to be my intention never to take part in war, offensive or defensive, international or civil, whether it be by bearing arms, making or handling munitions, voluntarily subscribing to war loans, or using my labor for the purpose of setting others free for war service." One of its slogans is: "To unite men and women who have determined to give no support to any war, irrespective of the reasons." The League co-sponsors numerous communist-controlled movements and programs of Communist-dominated organizations.

THE CHURCH BODIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
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COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL UNITY OF CZECH MORAVIAN BRETHREN IN N.A.
FRIENDS—FIVE YEARS MEETING
FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY
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SYRIAN ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF N.A.

The National Council claims to represent 28,000,000 Protestants. If the church to which you belong is a member of one of these bodies, they claim to represent you.

Does it represent you? Do you believe that American Free Enterprise should be scrapped and replaced by Socialism? The National Council does. Do you agree with the un-American, un-Christian policy of the hierarchy of the National Council?

If you don't there are several things you can do about it:

1.) Insist that your church stop supporting the National Council. Don't let it give one dollar. The National Council receives large sums from various Jewish and other non-Christian or anti-Christian groups, so while the withdrawal of your church's support won't put them out of business, it will hurt them. If all real Christian churches withdrew, it would seriously cripple them.

2.) Join this organization and help remedy the situation.

3.) In this short space it is impossible to show in detail the apostasy, Socialism and Communism of the National Council of Churches. There are three excellent books and several pamphlets which go into the subject with great thoroughness. They are must reading for everyone interested in restoring the Protestant churches to the faith of our fathers.

Books

"Collectivism Challenges Christianity", Kaub, \$2.00

"God and Man at Yale", Buckley, \$3.50

"Ecclesiastical Octopus", Gordon, \$2.00

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HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?

At a Constituting Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 1950, the Federal Council of Churches "went underground" by merging with a dozen other interdenominational agencies under the name National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Federal Council will not surrender its legal charter, and its aims, programs and leadership are unchanged, although it is operating under a new name.



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FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

These are just a few of the hundreds of present and past officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council who have aided and abetted God-hating, un-American organizations.

(Numbers indicate affiliations with organizations)

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Henry P. Van Dusen — 3, 15, 36, 42, 46
President, Union Theological Seminary, New York
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SOME OF THE RED GROUPS THEY HAVE AIDED

A partial list of the Communist, Communist-front and Socialist organizations with which various officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council of Churches have been affiliated—together with citations from official sources as to the true nature of the organizations.

Note: We have a record of more than 1500 present and former communist, communist-front and socialist organizations and enterprises. Over 550 of these have been officially branded as such by one or more official government investigating bodies.

Only 46 out of this 1500 are listed below. Most Federal Council leaders listed here, and hundreds of other FC men, have been affiliated with many other subversive organizations, sometimes scores of others.

- 1) American Civil Liberties Union
"The A.C.L.U. is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communists who have come into conflict with the law. It claims to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly, but it is quite apparent that the main function of the A.C.L.U. is to attempt to protect the communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government."
Cong'l. Comm. to Investigate Communism (Fish Comm.)
"... is a supporter of all subversive movements; its propaganda is detrimental to the State. It attempts not only to protect crime but to encourage attacks upon our institutions in every form."
New York State Joint Legislative Committee Investigating Seditious Activities (the Lusk Committee)
"The American Civil Liberties Union may be definitely classed as a Communist front or 'transmission belt' organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 2) American Comm. for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom
"A Communist front formed to defend Communist teachers."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"This Communist front was established on Lincoln's birthday in 1939. *** The activities of this group were always in behalf of Communists. *** (1) has followed the Communist Party line as it switched and squirmed in support of the foreign policy of Soviet Russia."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as "subversive and un-American."
Sub-Committee of the House Comm. on Appropriations
- 3) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"One of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among the Communist-Front organizations for racial agitation. Works closely with the International Labor Defense, legal arm of the Communist Party, in defense of foreign Communists and sympathizers."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 4) American Committee to Save Refugees
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A Communist front operating in the Communist-refugee field. ... has shown interest only in Communist refugees."
California Committee on Un-American Activities

- 5) American Friends of Spanish Democracy
"Organized by the Communist Party for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 6) American Fund for Public Service (the Garland Fund)
"A major source for the financing of Communist Party enterprises such as the Daily Worker and New Masses, official Communist publications."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
"Contributed more than \$1,500,000, all to the furtherance and support of left-wing Marxist projects. ... Had, as its trustees, the leaders of the Communist Party in America."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
- 7) American League for Peace and Democracy
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"Established in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"The largest of the Communist front movements in the United States. *** An examination of the program of the American League will show that the organization was nothing more nor less than a bold advocate of treason."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 8) American League Against War and Fascism
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"A Communist-front organization. ... established in the United States in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
Cited as a Communist front, completely under the control of Communists.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
- 9) American Round Table on India
"A Communist front headed by Robert Norton, a well-known member of the Communist Party."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 10) American Youth Congress
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"... has been controlled by Communists and manipulated by them to influence the thought of American youth."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"One of the principal fronts of the Communist Party, prominently identified with the White House picket line."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"One of the most influential front organizations ever established by the American Communist Party."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 11) Church League for Industrial Democracy
(Now named Episcopal League for Social Action)
An off-shoot of the militant socialist organization, League for Industrial Democracy. The CLID absorbed the Church Socialist League and is a radical pressure group operating within the churches to agitate against Constitutional government and to promote a social order patterned after that of Soviet Russia.
"Their conventions have been addressed by outstanding Communists. The Church League ceased printing its own propaganda and distributes the pamphlets of the League for Industrial Democracy (a United Front league without the prefix 'Church'). The inference is that the Church League adopts the aims of its non-sectarian counterpart."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
- 12) Citizen's Committee for Harry Bridges
Cited as a Communist front, formed to oppose deportation of Harry Bridges, Communist Party member and leader of the disastrous San Francisco general strike of 1934 which was planned by the Communist Party.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Typical Communist created and controlled front organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 13) Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder
Cited as a Communist organization.
Attorney General Francis Biddle
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 14) Civil Rights Congress
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front organization, "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A Communist-dominated organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 15) Committee on Militarism in Education
Cooperated with Socialist and Communist groups in waging relentless campaign against R.O.T.C. and military training in schools and colleges. Received \$12,400 from the red Garland Fund to propagandize against military training in schools. Opposed National Defense work of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, etc.
- 16) Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America
A conference as a result of which was established the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters for their program."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"An important part of the solar system of the Communist Party's front organizations."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
A "Communist-inspired conference" which launched the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the Stalin-Hitler pact.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 17) Consumers' National Federation
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Created by the Communist Party and used for the purpose of spreading propaganda in schools and through women's clubs."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 18) Consumers Union
Cited as a Communist front "headed by the Communist Arthur Kallet (whose party name is Edward Adams), Ben Gold and Louis Weinstock, both well-known Communists, were also members of the labor advisory committee of Consumers Union."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as "subversive and un-American."
Special Sub-Comm. of House Comm. on Appropriations.
- 19) Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo
Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist party and through which the party carried on a great deal of agitation.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 20) Conference on Pan-American Democracy
(Known also as Council for Pan-American Democracy)
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 21) Council on African Affairs
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A Communist front organization. Has received funds from American People's fund, a Communist financial organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL PROMOTES SOCIALISM

In many official pronouncements, the Federal Council has attacked free enterprise, capitalism and the American way of life, and has baldly advocated Socialism.

In an official report in 1932, the Federal Council stated: "The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system. . . . It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method."

At a full meeting in Indianapolis in December, 1932, the Federal Council adopted unanimously this Socialist creed: "The churches should stand for social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes."

The following year, 1933, the Council officially declared: "The Christian conscience can be satisfied with nothing less than the complete substitution of motives of mutual helpfulness and good will for the motive of private gain."

The Federal Council has not changed since then. This anti-free enterprise, anti-profit attitude is still its fundamental policy. In Cleveland in January, 1945, they again attacked the right of private property as an absolute freedom, and further stated, "Many changes may be necessary in our economic practices. These changes will probably lie in the direction of a larger measure of social planning and control than characterized our pre-war system."

In 1948 at Amsterdam, the World Council of Churches, which is dominated by the Federal Council and was attended by most of its leading lights, adopted this resolution:

"The Christian Churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire Capitalism." (Note: The resolution which was first adopted did not have the words "Laissez faire." These were added next day to "tone down" the resolution after unfavorable repercussions began to pour in.)

These are just a few illustrations which prove that the Federal Council believes in, preaches and advocates Socialism, and is completely opposed to the American (and Christian) system of Individual Freedom.

MANY OF ITS PREACHERS ARE COMMUNISTS

Communism is materialistic; godless and intensely anti-Christian. It not only atheistically denies the existence of God; but it also carries on a vigorous and vicious campaign militantly teaching hatred of God. It is almost inconceivable that ministers of the gospel of Christ could be found humbly associating with Communists and lending aid and comfort to communist organizations—yet they do—by the thousands (see opposite page for a few notable examples).

A large number of the clergy affiliated with the Federal Council repeatedly preach that Communism is an advanced form of democracy; that it is the desirable next step in the forward progress of our society; that Communism and Socialism are the "new social order" and express more nearly than capitalism the true brotherhood of man; that they bring us closer to the realization of the ideals expressed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount; that Russia is the land where all social and economic problems have been solved, where inequality, poverty and want have been abolished.

EVEN MORE ARE FELLOW TRAVELERS

While some affiliated with the Federal Council are undoubtedly members of the Communist Party, most of those who have been actively aiding and abetting Socialism and Communism are fellow travelers rather than actual members of the party.

However, it must be remembered that fellow travelers are more dangerous to America than outright Communists. It is generally they who lend an air of respectability to the vicious, debased movement that is Communism, and it is they who bring into communist fronts the innocents and dupes without whose aid, encouragement and financial support the front could not exist. It has been well said that a fellow traveler is a Communist without courage—one who believes in the principles of Marxism but without the intestinal fortitude publicly to join the party.

Under our code of laws one who aids and abets a criminal is just as guilty as the one who commits an overt crime. Anyone, be he minister or layman, who knowingly aids and abets the God-hating enemies of America and Christianity is just as guilty and just as un-American as a Communist.

J. Edgar Hoover: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CONDEMNS FEDERAL COUNCIL

United States Naval Intelligence in 1935 reported that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and was one of the strongest of the organizations "which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party. . . . It is a large radical pacifist organization and probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense."

Since that time the activities and policies of the Federal Council have not improved one whit.

WHAT SOME FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS HAVE SAID ABOUT COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

"Is it not probable that the greatest event of the 20th Century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all it has meant to human welfare?" (Prof. Jerome Davis, long time member of the Federal Council inner circle.)

"It is my conviction that one cannot be a Christian, if he must function within a society where self-interest and personal profit are the dynamic of industrial life." (Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Chairman Federal Council's Department on the Church and Cooperatives.)

"The principle of competition seems to be nothing more than a partly conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness." (Samuel McCrea Cavert, Genl. Secy. of Federal Council, in an official Council publication.)

"When the Western world was floundering in an unjust and competitive order . . . God reached out and put his hand on the Russian communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel." (E. Stanley Jones, Federal Council-sponsored preacher and speaker.)

"The Christian religion is not a suitable religion for today." (Eduard C. Lindeman, Federal Council Commission on research, and editor 1939 and 1940.)

"The Soviet Union is progressing and growing up economically and politically since the time of the Czars, while capitalist society is starving and going down." (Harry F. Ward in a radio broadcast May 21, 1946.)

"Denominationally, I am a Presbyterian; religiously a Unitarian; and politically, I'm a Communist. I'm not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort. I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for Communism." (Rev. Claude C. Williams, a confessed Communist Party member, Director of People's Institute of Applied Religion, and long-time intimate of prominent Federal Council personalities.)

"The only way out is an economic order which increasingly eliminates the profit motive." (Edward L. Parsons, Bishop of California.)

HERETICAL APOSTASY OF SOME TOP FC LEADERS

"God for us cannot be . . . an . . . avenging Being who because of Adam's sin must have his Shylockian pound of flesh. No wonder the honest boy in justifiable repugnance could say, 'dirty bully'." (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, FC President, 1944-46, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," page 79.)

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement." (Dr. Harry E. Fosdick—for years FC radio speaker—in a letter, January, 1945.) " . . . the theology of our forefathers is an insult to our intellect." (Fosdick on radio)

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. That avowal held to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." (Dr. George A. Buttrick, FC President, 1940-42, "Christian Fact and Modern Doubt," page 162.)

BE ALERT FOR FC'S DISHONEST DENIALS

In the past when some notorious Communist fellow traveler connected with the Federal Council has been criticized, the Federal Council has issued weasel-worded denials of such connection. They have even had the dishonesty to assume an air of indignation and protest that Bishop Francis J. McConnell had no connection with the Federal Council. Bishop McConnell was for years president of the Federal Council, and for many additional years was one of the leading members of the inner circle. Every name listed herein is or has been intimately connected with the Federal Council, most of them in high positions.

- 22) Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace (the Waldorf Conference, sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions)
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A sounding board for Communist propaganda."
Secretary of State Dean Acheson
- 23) Emergency Peace Mobilization
"A Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 24) Fellowship of Reconciliation
Radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread communist propaganda. Circulated petitions for and played a leading role in bringing about the recognition of Russia in 1933. Is a section of the ultra-radical War Resisters International which, according to its literature, "believes a new social order can be and will be established . . . it believes these changes can be accomplished by revolutionary uprisings." . . . Is a branch of International Fellowship of Reconciliation, which says "we must work for a radical reorganization of society" and insists that "the class war is a fact."
25) Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
"In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations. Among these was the above Communist-front organization."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
- 26) Greater New York Emergency Conf. on Inalienable Rights
Cited as a Communist front, one of a "maze of organizations spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general, but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 27) Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
A "Communist-front organization."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front. "The sponsors and officers . . . with few exceptions are admitted Communists and fellow travelers. The policy is in concert with the foreign policy of the Soviet Union."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 28) League for Industrial Democracy
"Founded as a militant socialist organization and subsidized by the Communist-directed Garland Fund, the League for Industrial Democracy propagandizes particularly among college and seminary students. Its publications have largely been written by members of the Communist Party and its supporters. Their objects of attack have been those pursued by the Young Communist League and kindred organizations—against military training in schools and against the evils of the capitalist system. The achievements of the workers' government in Soviet Russia are painted in gilded eulogy, and similar socialism is advocated for the United States."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
- 29) League of American Writers
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"The most naive spectator and quarter-witted participant of this first Writers' Congress (at which the League of American Writers was formed) could not have been deceived as to its Communist revolutionary character."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
"In the Daily Worker of April 20, 1935, it is stated that another organization was set up to be known as the League of American Writers, membership limited to revolutionary writers."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
- 30) Methodist Federation for Social Action
(Formerly, Methodist Federation for Social Service)
"A tool of the Communist Party. It is trying to use the prestige of the Methodist Church to promote the line of the Communist Party."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work. * * * A statement in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8, 1932 admits cooperation with the Communists."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 31) Michigan Civil Rights Federation
Cited as a subversive and Communist organization which has been succeeded by and now operates as the Michigan Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 32) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Is a direct agent of the Soviet Union, engaged in traitorous activities under the orders of Stalin's consular service in the United States."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 33) National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front organization defending Communists. "It was filled from top to bottom with veteran Communist Party liners."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 34) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"Part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program. The defense of Communist leaders have been major efforts of the federation."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—regardless of its high-sounding name—is one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"One of the most important Communist-front organizations."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 35) National Negro Congress
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. * * * The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
A "Communist-dominated mass organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
- 36) National Religion and Labor Foundation
Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize "the new social order;" to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system. Its directing personnel and National Committee were composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists. Writing in its official organ, one of its officers says: "It is no longer a question of the need of revolution; the question is as to the method of bringing the revolution to pass." It has published blasphemous and atheistic literature.
- 37) North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities

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ADA Would Admit Red China

Make a start toward admitting Red China to the United Nations, advises the ADA (Americans for Democratic Action), a group which often has the negative virtue of indicating the right course by advocating the wrong one.

New members admitted to the United Nations, says its charter, must be "peace loving" nations. The ADA doesn't pretend to see peace loving traits in Red China.

It says the admission should be regarded, not as "a gesture of moral approval," but as "a means of establishing normal international communications."

In other words, forget the morality, throw principles into the garbage can, and set up "normal" communications with Red China. Why? What end could be served by exchanging views with a murderous outlaw gang? They'd only bring into the United Nations a contagion of evil which is now supplied in profuse plenty by Russia and her Red bloc.

We can't follow reasoning that puts an illusion of expediency above the moralities, without which man falls lower than the beasts. To relegate morality to second place is to take a slippery road to disaster.

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Methodist Women Act On Issues

NEW YORK — The national women's organization of the Methodist Church reiterated its stand supporting federal aid for public schools, asked for extension of minimum wage coverage to 4,311,000 additional workers and called for creation of a Department of Urban Affairs in the Cabinet.

At its meeting in New York, the executive committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service also criticized the controversial House Un-American Activities Committee film, "Operation Abolition," and warned Methodist women "to be alert to the inroads

of the John Birch Society into the life of the church and community."

The Woman's Division is both the national organization representing 1.8 million Methodist women and one of four divisions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

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Clergy Smear Aids Reds, FBI Says

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Christianity and Communism stand in the same relationship as yes and no, white and black, the North Pole and the South Pole.

They are categorical opposites.

Christianity affirms the sovereignty of God and ascribes infinite worth to each human being because he is a child of God.

Communism denies the existence of God and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches — sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in United States church life.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-Communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI chief inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan said. "But this is a patent falsehood." The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale.

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

The Harding Philosophy

It is not often that one finds Norman Thomas and a Harding College Freedom Forum speaker in generalized agreement on one of the ground rules for reasoned political debate.

Yet on the very day that the one-time Socialist nominee for president was criticizing Harding's film, "Communism On The Map", for mistakenly representing Communism and Socialism as more-or-less identical ideologies, Paul Terry, a spokesman for the Copley Newspapers, was reminding registrants at Harding's 22d annual Forum that Communists hate genuine liberals who work to improve the American system of government.

"Not all liberals are Communists".

Without attempting to delve too deeply into semantics, we would say that both gentlemen are right in essence, cautioning only that no genuine Liberal could be a Communist and that "Liberal" and "Socialist" are in no sense synonymous terms.

This, we submit, is the central fact of modern political life most often ignored (whether by design or not) in the steady stream of propaganda pouring out of Harding College.

What Harding really is preaching is a "return" to a laissez-faire capitalism that never existed, except in the dreams of Ricardo and Spencer and their disciples; just as "communism" has never really existed, except in the dreams of Marx and Engels and their disciples.

The people at Harding have every right to offer themselves as advocates of a certain 19th Century theory of economics. We, however, are under no obligation to accept them as experts on every phase of the life-and-death struggle between the Communist way of life and the free way of life—the military and the political, as well as the economic.

On the contrary, there is evidence enough that Harding is peddling some very duff gen, indeed, in its appraisal of the degree of reliance that can be placed in certain countries with which the United States traditionally has enjoyed the closest of ties.

To over-simplify: Britain, for only one example, is in less danger of "going Communist" than is Formosa, for the good reason that its centuries-old charter of liberties is a better actuarial risk than Chiang Kai-shek.

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If anybody can get an un-Christian satisfaction out of what Cuba is suffering we suspect it is a Cuban named Fulgencio Batista.

We are told that Washington is fairly sure that Russian Premier Khrushchev knows when the United States is bluffing and when it is not. Should the United States ever be bluffing?

The FBI's Attention To an Old Canard

DELEGATES to the 100th Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, meeting at Dallas last week, approved a resolution defending the National Council of Churches from scatterload charges of "Communist infiltration."

The resolution's author, Dr. Marion A. Boggs of Little Rock, noted that this durable old canard now has been taken up by Robert H. W. Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, and he then went on to say of the Birchites and others:

"We ministers have our fighting clothes on. We intend to ask these men to document their charges. We have been taking this a long time and have lost our patience.

Concurrently with accounts of the Presbyterians' action at Dallas, there appeared a report by Louis Cassels of United Press International attributing to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover the fairly familiar thought that indiscriminate charges of Communist infiltration into the American clergy might actually be playing into the Communists' hands. Wrote Mr. Cassels:

During the past few weeks Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are over-run with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan said. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

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Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

We have italicized this portion of the UPI report, for without it, the rest of it might be proved in time to have been largely meaningless. Unfortunately, it is difficult to pin J. Edgar Hoover down in matters of this kind.

Some weeks ago, Mr. Hoover issued a generalized warning against vigilantism. His words were widely interpreted as applying to Mr. Welch and the John Birch Society because their timing coincided with the first wide publicity attending the activities of that semi-secret vigilante group. However, it wasn't very long before copies of personal letters by Mr. Hoover disavowing any such intention were being widely circulated. The FBI does not evaluate information concerning individuals and groups, Mr. Hoover was reported to have written, in what by now has become a familiar disclaimer.

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IF MR. HOOVER now is writing letters to other correspondents standing four-square behind his underlings' defense of the Protestant clergy, fine. It is possible that it is not too late to correct some of the damage that already has been done.

The fact remains that it is late, and we still cannot help wondering why Mr. Hoover should not himself make a definitive public statement along the same lines. Since a great majority of Americans are prepared to accept anything the FBI chief says at face value—even when he says that the sharp decline in Communist Party membership in the United States does not mean what it appears to mean—a simple well-publicized statement along the lines already explored by the less well-known Mr. Sullivan might be enough to put a lot of rag-tag "anti-Communist" evangelists out of business overnight.

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Copy of Letter that came with Attached Report:

Wont you please show the attached to your minister?

If your church is a member of this National Council of Churches, I am sure they have been feeding your minister with re-assurances regarding these charges. But, ask him, has he never wondered why the NCC does not stop these charges by offering irrefutable evidence to prove them wrong?

I repeat to you, the rank and file minister is a loyal American and dedicated man of God. HE AND HIS FAMILY will be among the first murdered if and when our nation is conquered. His Church will be defiled. Certainly he has an extreme stake in this fight.

He would not, for anything in this world, be mixed up in anything un-American IF HE KNEW IT. He is an innocent man. But can he afford to take the chance that these charges might be true? Wouldn't he feel terrible if it turned out that they are ~~xxxx~~ true and that he, and many other good Christian people have been tricked by only a few men who have infiltrated the Christian movement.

Ask him to pray over this and if he does not feel that he has a right to ask that these charges be brought out into the open and either proved or disproved, once and for all. If the National Council of Churches has nothing to hide, they have nothing to fear by meeting these charges head-on and proving their innocence.

No Beard of Deacons & Elders
1st Presbyterian Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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In view of the serious charges now being leveled against the organization known as The National Council of Churches, the question arises: Should our church continue its financial support without further question?

Like most church members, I have heretofore taken for granted that the top association of our leading Christian Churches would always be above reproach. However, the Air Force Manual incident has disclosed a very disturbing situation, which has put the National Council of Churches on trial before the court of public opinion. It seems logical therefore to inform ourselves as to the nature of the organization we are supporting - its history, its activities, its personnel.

This memorandum would be much too long if a review of all the mass of material which has been carefully analyzed by me over the past several ~~months~~ weeks was included. But please be assured that my purpose has been to learn the truth without prejudice. My research covered the reading of many bulletins issued by Committees of Congress, speeches of well informed Congressmen, as published in the Congressional Record, and also a mass of published reports, pamphlets, etc., both pro and con. I made a trip to Wichita, Kansas, especially to interview the pastor of the largest Baptist Church in Kansas to learn first hand why that Church, by vote of the congregation withdrew its support of the National Council. I have held several long distance conversations with prominent personages in Washington D.C., in my effort to learn the whole truth. After more than six weeks of intensive investigation, I am forced to the conclusion that there is far more to this situation than first meets the eye or appears on the surface, and that it is far too serious a matter to be lightly dismissed. We must not forget the fact that we are actually at war with a ruthless enemy that is determined to "Bury Us", as he has so successfully buried by DEATH OR SLAVERY millions of our brothers.

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It is not conclusive to say "Surely the leaders of our top church association are too smart and faithful to the case of Christ to harbor any of His enemies or in any way lend aid and comfort to them". We cannot forget that the astute Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, could not believe that his good friend, Alger Hiss was an enemy agent. Nor can we forget that Claus Fuchs and the Rosenbergs escaped detection until after their dirty work had been accomplished. It is folly to assume that the enemy would not make use of the National Council of Churches if it could do so to accomplish its purposes. Vampires sustain ~~work~~ themselves by sucking blood out of their victims. The Lamphrey eel attaches itself to the body of the healthy fish and sucks its substance therefrom. In like manner these Communists "Masters of Deceit" suck their financial support out of the poor fish to whom they attach themselves. Their favorite method is to form a front with a high sounding title and solicit funds from the unwary to promote a seemingly good cause. They also worm their way into already existing organizations and bore their way from within for their sustenance.

Are the following circumstances creditable evidence that some Masters of Deceit are, or have been, at work on, or within, the body of the National Council of Churches?

EXHIBIT I - A booklet published in 1957 by and at the expense of the National Council of Churches included a "Reading List" of recommended books and authors. That list has scattered within it as recommended authors the names of many well known Communist or Communist Front supporters. For Example, nine of the recommended books from one single author were written by the notorious Langston Hughes. The same man wrote the song for the Eighth Convention of the Communist Party U.S.A. The last lines of which are: "Put one more S in the U.S.A. - To Make It Soviet. One More S in the U.S.A. - Oh, we'll live to see it yet." This is the same Langston Hughes who wrote a so-called poem which contains these lines, among

others equally vile: "Listen Christ, you did allright in your day, i reckon, but that day is gone now,-----Good-bye, Christ Jesus, Lord, God, Jehovah - beat it on away from here now - Make way for a new guy with no religion at all - a real guy named Marxist Communist, Lenin Peasant, Stalin Worker, ME! I said "ME".

Is It possible that some of my contributions to my own church is being sucked through the NCC into the financial support of this man by the sale of his books? Unbelievable, but there it is!

EXHIBIT II.- The present active Communist ~~Offensive~~ "Peace Offensive" has been exposed by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a campaign to disarm and defeat the United States". It named among the Front organizations in this "Peace" campaign "The Committee For Peaceful Alternatives To The Atlantic Pact". It also disclosed the names of the five men who initiated the formation of that Front. One of them is the present president of the "National Council of Churches", Edwin T. Dahlberg.

Exhibit III.-In July 1954 the National Council of Churches accepted a donation of 200,000.00 in cash from Walter Reuther's organization, whereupon one of Reuther's men, [redacted] was named a [redacted] of the National Council of Churches. What did Walter Reuther get for his money? Could there be any payola involved in the fact that the NCC saw fit then to issue an entire pamphlet attacking the whole principle of the Right-to-Work laws. This pamphlet was made wide use of by labor leaders all over the land in their fight against Right-to-Work legislation. This is the same Walter Reuther who, while in Russia, wrote back to a friend in America to "carry on the fight for a Soviet America".

EXHIBIT IV.-At a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958, the fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches adopted a resolution in favor of the diplomatic recognition of Red China by the United States and the seating of the government in the United Nations. (That Would Increase The Soviet Voting Power Against Us.)

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An Active Vice-President, (then and now) of the National Council of Churches, Bishop Bromley Oxnam, was the Keynote Speaker. He and 88 other officers and staff members of the NCC dominated that conference and issued the pronouncement as being the unanimous vote of all the delegates. There were many protests to no avail. Subsequently a committee of five prominent Christian Gentlemen took a Poll of 50,000 ministers all over America and found that over 80% of them are opposed to any such recognition. Those Gentlemen were [redacted] Norman Vincent Peale, Bishops [redacted] Welch of the Methodist Church and Congressman Judd, a former Missionary to China.

The Communist Press was jubilant over their success at Cleveland, for the Recognition of Red China by our government has been one of the major goals of the Communist Conspiracy for many years. The "Worker" in its issue of November 30th, 1958, carried the headline "38 millions Protestants Tell Ike! "Recognize Red China".

Many other exhibits could be cited if space permitted, which would show how pronouncements from the leaders of the National Council have frequently followed the "Party Line" and have well served the Communist Conspiracy.

RE: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: At this point it may be well to check ~~xxx~~ into the history, activities and present personnel of the National Council, and to that end, I am enclosing a copy of a booklet issued by the Southern Presbyterian Journal. The contents of this booklet were well substantiated by my checking many other references in the public library. A careful reading of it at this point will make more understandable that which follows:

RE: THE AIR FORCE MANUAL: The Air Force conducts a training course for its cadets, the better to qualify them as ~~xxxxxx~~ efficient guardians of our national security. In order to alert these cadets to the Communist Menace, a portion of the Training Manual issued in January, this year, contained a chapter entitled "Communism and Religion". After reading that chapter carefully, its purpose was unmistakable, viz: to warn the student that he should be prepared to

find Communist activity in every field of human endeavor, even including the field of religion, where he would least expect it. The original manual is no longer available, but attached hereto is a reprint of pertinent parts of it, and it is suggested that the 1st and last paragraphs, which I have circled with blue pencil, be read first. What lies between these two paragraphs was obviously presented as examples to show how insidious Communist activities have already wormed their way into our highest church organization.

In early February this year, when I read in my morning paper, that the National Council of Churches had summarily demanded retraction and apologies from an agency of government which was designed specifically to guard our National Security, without first offering any evidence to refute the charges, this thought went through my mind - "What would one think of the Captain of the Queen Mary if, while in the middle of the ~~Pacific~~ (or Atlantic), with a full load of passengers, upon receiving an urgent warning from the government that aboard his ship was a bunch of fanatics, determined and ready, either to take over his ship, or scuttle it, he did nothing but demand the withdrawal of the warning and require an apology from those who sent it?". From such an action it would be logical to conclude that the Captain was either stupid, incompetent, or in cahoots with the conspirators.

Upon receipt of that same sort of demand from the Captain of the good ship NCC, Congressman Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, requested the Ship's Captain to come and review the evidence upon which the warning was based and to present anything that would refute it. Mr. Walter's request was ignored, but instead, immediately, a campaign of smear and ridicule was launched against Mr. Walter, as well as against any and all others who dared question the infallibility of the high priests of the National Council of Churches. It is obvious from the nature of the press releases and the articles that are appearing in certain publications (including the Presbyterian Life) that the leaders of the NCC are making a great effort to discredit and belittle the House Un-American Activities Committee. That, in itself well serves the Communist Conspiracy, for to do just that has long been a prime objective of the conspirators.

On February 27th, under an UPI report, the newspapers carried a story of how six prominent protestant leaders at the NCC Convention, then being held in Oklahoma City, had signed a telegram to Chairman Walter, which demanded in the name of 60 million Protestants, that he retract and apologize for his untrue statements which he had made in support of the truth of the Air Force Manual testimony. That telegram in effect was publicly calling Mr. Walter a liar! That tactic again followed the well known Communist pattern of "Immediately smear and vilify personally any man that opposes you!" It was that telegram which became the spark that disturbed my clod". It shocked me to discover that the first two names on that telegram were those of the two top leaders in our own Presbyterian National Organization, viz: Eugene Carson Blake, formerly a President of the National Council of Churches, but now our stated clerk and Rev. Arthur Miller, our present Moderator. At this point I decided to dig into this matter and find the answer to the question put to us by Dr. Kirkland in his memorandum of March 13th, viz: "Is it true or false that the Council has been infiltrated by some persons or opinions which are Communistic or lean toward it?".

From a careful study of the evidence available I cannot escape the conclusion it is a well established fact that numerous persons with the official family of the National Council of Churches, have been and still are giving aid and comfort to the Communist Conspiracy, by affiliating themselves with notorious Communist Front Organizations.

A recent flagrant case in point, involved one of the most active Vice-Presidents of the NCC, wherein he insisted upon aiding that tried and convicted Communist, Carl Braden, state a "Communist Front Sponsored" meeting as late as on January 31st of this year in the Asbury Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. He did this even after he had been fully advised as to the character of the organization with which he was affiliating himself

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM" * In 2ND CORINTHIANS 11-13(According to the REVISED STANDARD VERSION) It is Written, "For Such Men Are False Apostles, Deceitful Workmen, disguising themselves as Apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise them-selves as servants of Righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds".

SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: Why did the National Council sponsor the issuance of the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible, when we already have good modern translations available? Why did it include, among the 95 men it employed to produce this version so many "Fellow Travelers", i.e., men whose records showed them to have been affiliated with not one, but many Red Front Organizations? Is it possible that we have already reached the stage in American where we cannot find 95 qualified men - ~~xxxxx~~ scholars - to do this sort of a job, without having to include 30 who have aided the Communist Conspiracy? Why did the Council maintain ownership of the copyright ~~xxxxx~~ title to this Standard Version, unless it was to provide a fabulous income from royalties which would make the small leadership group (including the Fellow Travelers) free and independent of the opinions of the 38 million church members that give them their prestige? The arrogance displayed by this small leadership group, now in control of the National Council of Churches, in this Air Force Manual Incident, in claiming that they speak the united mind of all of us, is becoming more and more repugnant to vast numbers of Christian ministers and laymen.

DR. DANIEL POLING, one of America's most eminent Christian leaders, stated in an editorial in the May 1959 issue of the Christian Herald, "In sorrow, we must conclude that the National Council of Churches has steadily become a social action body almost to the exclusion of the evangelical and evangelistic emphasis and program".

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To Which should be added that, so long as the NCC would direct its efforts toward the relief of human suffering in the area of Christian Charity and Service, it would command our respect and support, but when under that cloak of deceit, it lends ~~xxx~~ the prestige of its good name to further the cause of conspirators who are dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all religious organizations, it is high time we Christians took notice of it.

WHAT EFFECT IS IT HAVING? [redacted] the Sun Oil Company, and one of the outstanding leaders of our Presbyterian laymen, who was [redacted] of the original lay committee that raised 600,000.00 to finance the founding of the National Council of Churches, addressed the recent Chicago meeting of Presbyterian Men. He said "The Activities of the National Council of Churches is seriously hurting the Presbyterian pocketbook". He told them that the Top Hierarchy of the Presbyterian Church is having more trouble than ever in history, raising money to keep itself and its missionary program going and that the reason for the trouble is the fact that it insists upon affiliating itself with the National Council of Churches.

That is the National effect, but what of our local situation? In the March 22nd issue of the Tulsa Tribune there was published a letter that, I am convinced, reflects the attitude of more people than we know about. I do not know who wrote it, but I have heard several responsible men voice the same reaction. It reads as follows:

"Air Reserve Training Manual"- Editor, The Tribune: The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist Fronts, projects, and publications". This quote is from an Air Reserve Center Training Manual -NR.-45-0050-Incr.V-Vol.7.

In a city the size of Tulsa, with practically all of the larger churches belonging to and supporting the National Council of Churches of Christ, why hasn't this action been denied, proven wrong, and action thus taken? Or, if it is true, why are our major churches supporting ~~xxxx~~ such an organization? Every American who attends a church affiliated with the NCC should demand an acceptable explanation of this controversy. If our citizens continue to close their eyes to this

type of situation, no one need fear a third world war or the threat of being bombed. The Communists will soon be able to assume control from inside America. It is complacency of this sort which our leaders are constantly warning us about. I attend one of Tulsa's largest churches which supports the NCC. If an adequate explanation is not offered - even tho' I have gone to this church for years and am deeply attached to it - I will be forced by my own conscience to begin attending services elsewhere. I refuse to support and aid the Communist party with its mutiny in America!

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The above letter is typical of the flood of letters and telegrams which have reached Chairman Walter within the past few weeks. They are evidence that in fact the leaders are on trial before the Court of Public Opinion.

These men cannot restore lost confidence by resorting to the tactics they are now using, viz; applying the epithet "hate mongering church destroyers" to any and all who question their actions or pronouncements. They are using that old forensic trick of misleading the gullible by setting up straw men and then shooting them down to distract attention from the real issue. A good example of that type of deceptive and devious argument is displayed in an article published in the March 28th issue of our own Presbyterian Life Magazine on page 17. The straw man it sets up therein reads:

In-as-much as the manual and a preceding 1955 security indoctrination manual contain as official statements certain libelous and untrue accusations against the whole body of Protestant clergymen, against the churches of the United States, and against the NCC as an organization of ~~many~~ many of those churches, etc., etc.

The wording of that premise is so obviously a distortion of the statements made in the Manual, that only a "Master of Deceit" could have written it. The Air Force Manual Made No Such Blanket accusation against the whole body of Presbyterian clergymen, against the churches of the United States, or against the National Council of Churches as an organization. The writers of that distortion well knew that by publishing it in the Presbyterian Life Magazine it would be read by thousands of good Presbyterians who would have had no opportunity to read the manual. So on the face of it, a clever fraud has been perpetrated on thousands of unsuspecting church members. This also fits perfectly into the pattern of deception which a true follower of Christ must abhor.

Rev. Gordon H. Scherer of Ohio, for eight years ~~of~~ a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee puts it thus: "Every time we have inquired into the attempts of Communists or Communist-Fronters to work their way in churches, the Committee has been bitterly attacked and charged with investigating religion with opposing churches - with opposing churches - with interfering with religious freedom in violation of the Constitution. Instead of bitterly resenting this Committee, these good people should join hands with us in what I believe is, and should be, a mutual objective, namely, to better understand the nature of the Communist techniques and objectives in-so-far as religion and churches are concerned and to strengthen our religious institutions so that they can become an even greater bulwark against the most deadly enemy, not only of free men, but also of the church itself!"

A mere handful of delegates to that Cleveland Convention ten years ago took their whole denominations into the National Council, without ever submitting their actions to the individual churches for approval or ratification. It now appears that under its present leadership this well intentioned organization has become a powerful political lobby for Socialism, hiding behind the facade of a Christian name and enjoying the tax-exemption of a religious income from the pockets of millions of unsuspecting good people, together with the powerful prestige from the position it assumes of being their spokesman, a perfect medium to propagate Communist ideology. No wonder its leaders so easily intimidated the politicians and Pentagon officials as they did in the Air Force manual incident. Surely the leaders of any organization calling itself Christian should keep themselves above reproach. (5)

But, from the foregoing, it is obvious⁴⁶ that within the group now in control of the National Council of Churches, there are some who have brought that organization into disrepute by associating themselves with Red Front activities. These men, doubtless, are among those so well described by the chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee in a recent speech. He said:

"There is an influential hard core in the leadership circles of this Nation - who simply do not, or will not understand that Communism is Communism, and that Communists are Communists. They do not recognize the plain obvious fact that the Soviet Union and its satellites, together with Red China, with almost a billion people in its orbit, are at War with the free world and that the United States of America is the principal target. It is a war which has already cost us billions of our treasury and the blood of our youth. It is a total war, involving force, subversion, diplomatic deceit, psychological maneuvers and intrigue, by every device of which devilish minds are capable. It is a War in which there can be no compromise. It is a War in which we face either Victory, Slavery or Death."

The question now before you officials of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma is: Shall you continue to include in the budget of our church an item in cash to be sent to and spent by those in control of the National Council of Churches as they may see fit, without question; or shall this church take advantage of a splendid opportunity to "stand up and be counted".

[redacted] in the splendid sermon on Communism which he gave us in November 1958 said:

"We shall never defeat Communism by sitting quietly in the middle of the road. Victory will come only when men and women face life as it is and say in the daily Market Place, "I am Utterly Christ's" We need "To Stand Up And Be Counted" in America's great struggle against Communism.

The Rev. Harris, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, told the Daughters of the American Revolution ~~xxxx~~ April 22, 1960 that Churchman who advocate admitting Red China into the United Nations are blind and gullible; He also told them that a survey of churchmen in a group to which he belongs, i.e., the Committee of One Million, showed 9 to 1 against admission of Red China into the United Nations. In spite of the fact that 80 to 90 % of the ministers of our land appear to be in opposition to the pronouncement made by the small coterie in command of the National Council, that group persists in pressuring Congress to do just what the Communists want, viz., accept Red China into the family of nations, so it can join its vote to that of the Kremlin against us. b6 b7C

In view of the recent actions of those in control of the Council wherein they have tried to suppress, belittle and ridicule any and all who question their activities, and in view of the fact that many among them still persist in affiliating themselves with Red Front activities, and so often slant their pronouncements in the direction pleasing to the Communist Conspirators, it is logical to conclude that the present management of the Council is in hands of men unworthy of our further confidence.

Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty, and "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"

Our Master did not hesitate to throw out of the temple those he found therein who were desecrating it.

Do we have the courage to withdraw our support as did the 1st Baptist Church of Wichita, or will we continue to be led like a bunch of sheep to our own slaughter? That decision is up to you, the official members of our church, to make.

Sincerely submitted

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Lay Member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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North Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear [Redacted]:

I have received your letter of May 22, with enclosures, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Consequently, it will not be possible for me to comply with your wishes with respect to the organizations and individuals you mentioned.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The Communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic citizens must continue to take a firm stand against communism and must combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive. In discussing communism, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan dealt with the subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

You can be assured that the FBI is constantly alert to all situations which may involve matters within our investigative jurisdiction and responsibilities. In discharging these obligations as effectively as possible, any information brought to the attention of the FBI concerning the internal security of our country is thoroughly investigated and our findings are presented to the Attorney General and/or the United States Attorneys throughout the country who determine whether the facts warrant prosecution.

Enclosed are several items on the subject which you may find of interest.

- Tolson
- Parsons
- Mohr
- Belmont
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Malone
- Rosen
- Tavel
- Trotter
- W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent or [REDACTED] who authored the letter to the Board of Deacons and Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. No attempt has been made to search Bufiles regarding the other individuals and organizations mentioned by the correspondent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 2, 1961

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-25478)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Bulet, May 22, 1961, which enclosed copies of a letter dated May 15, 1961, which had been received by the Bureau from [REDACTED] Cleveland 15, Ohio.

On May 25, 1961, [REDACTED] was discreetly contacted by SA [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Cleveland [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the Catholic religious order [REDACTED] and is [REDACTED] of Dietary Service at the aforementioned hospital. The receipt of [REDACTED] letter by the Bureau was acknowledged orally to her.

In connection with the subjects mentioned in paragraph two of her letter, [REDACTED] advised she secured the information from [REDACTED] Chancery Building, St. John's Cathedral, 1027 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, who is [REDACTED] a leader of the Catholic Youth Organizations in Cleveland. She added that the incidents were supposed to have taken place within the past three years.

The only additional information which [REDACTED] could furnish regarding the man who infiltrated the Catholic Youth Organization was that he headed a sports group in that organization. Regarding the eighteen year old girl, [REDACTED] stated that she attended Notre Dame Academy, 1325 Ansel Road,

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Cleveland. [] related that on one occasion two FBI Agents contacted the principal of Notre Dame Academy regarding the girl. The principal summoned the girl to the office and, when confronted by the FBI Agents, the girl said, "It took you long enough to find me." According to [] this girl later became [] of Cleveland. *Ohio*

It is noted that [] and six other individuals were convicted in United States District Court, Cleveland, on []

[] stated she could furnish no further identifying data concerning the subjects in question, but that [] should be able to do so, if contacted. Cleveland Division is unaware of any such activity at Notre Dame Academy as described above and a review of [] file failed to result in identification of the female subject as described by []

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Ohio Also, during contact with [] on May 25, 1961, she related a series of activities which occurred in [] as well as in the hospital parking lot and on nearby streets. In brief, this activity consisted of civilian employees at the hospital as well as patients and visitors signalling and passing small packages and clothing to one another. She said the activity could either involve narcotics or subversive activity of some kind, which she felt was being directed by [] who was involved in some misconduct and admitted to the hospital as a patient in June, 1960.

[] said she previously reported the unusual activity to Postal Inspector [] Cleveland, through a mutual friend, [] Engineers Building, Cleveland. Inspector [] contacted her at the hospital and told her to get license numbers and send him a letter reflecting any further unusual activity she may observe. Approximately one week ago, [] was visited by Inspector [] who told her to rest assured that proper action was being taken and that they would pass the information on to the FBI.

In concluding the interview, SA [] thanked [] for the information and the observations set

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out in her letter. She stated she hoped she was of some assistance and explained she did not want her superiors to learn of her contact with the FBI because they were becoming perturbed at her reports to them of the unusual activity around the hospital.

On May 29, 1961, Postal Inspector in Charge [redacted] Cleveland, was contacted by SA [redacted] regarding this matter. He said he was about to contact the FBI and went on to relate that he, as well as Federal and local narcotics officials, determined there has been no illegal narcotics traffic around [redacted]. He said he has been receiving frequent reports from [redacted] concerning what she considers to be unusual activity; however, he and [redacted] recently visited [redacted] and told her to rest assured that her allegations would be appropriately handled and that she should no longer watch for such activity or submit reports.

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Inspector [redacted] further related that [redacted] whom [redacted] feels may be an infiltrator who is directing undermining activity, is [redacted].
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[redacted] He is being sent [redacted] in several weeks and Inspector [redacted] believes [redacted] fears may then dissipate. According to [redacted] who has led a sheltered life, finds it hard to believe that [redacted] can "go off the deep end," and she feels he is an impostor.

In connection with the subjects in [redacted] letter, Inspector [redacted] commented that [redacted] tells many stories concerning Communists and [redacted] may have confused facts of one story with those of another. Inspector [redacted] said that he regards [redacted] to be quite normal but that her failure or reluctance to grasp the reality of [redacted] misfortune has stirred her imagination. Inspector [redacted] added he hopes [redacted] forgets the entire matter before she gets into difficulty with her superiors.

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In view of the foregoing, UACB, Cleveland Division will make no further inquiries regarding this matter.

[Redacted]
Malden, Washington
May 28, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Communist Infiltration Into Religion ✓

Lately I have been wondering about communist influence in the churches of this country. I would appreciate receiving information as to the extent of such influence.

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In particular, I am interested in the extent, if any, of communist influence in the Unitarian and Universalist churches.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

Yours very truly,

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June 6, 1961

Malden, Washington

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated May 28, 1961, has been received.

In response to your request, I am enclosing material currently available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. I am unable to answer your inquiry since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have specific data along the lines you suggested.

I would like to take this occasion, however, to emphasize the fact that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions. Their efforts to destroy our form of government have been thwarted by our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's speech 10-18-60

God & Country or Communism?

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Series from "Christianity Today"

4-17-61 statement re internal security

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Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Malone	
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Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
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Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

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May 30, 1961

Communist Infiltration
into Religion

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate you on the work you and your organization is doing. I believe you are the most respected man and most informed person on communism in America today.

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I have read statement after statement of you and other men who know the threat of Communism and how they have infiltration of the churches. Yet Dr. Eugene Carson ~~Blake~~ in an address on May 9 in Los Angeles Calif made this statement "During the past few weeks Mr. Hoover has sent F.B.I. Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many cities of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds." This I cannot understand. If what Dr. Blake says is true, you are fighting yourself by contradiction. I wonder if you could clear this up for me.

I would appreciate any information you would send me in understanding Communism better and how to fight it, particularly in the field of religion.

Yours truly,

/s/ [Redacted]

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Yours truly

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June 7, 1961

[Redacted Address]

Pontiac, Michigan

Dear [Redacted Name]

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DATE 3/21/01 BY 39639/1/24

Your letter was received on June 1, 1961, and your statement of confidence in the work performed by this Bureau is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, there is no change in our position. While infiltration of religious groups as well as other established institutions has been and will continue to be prime targets of the communists, fortunately, there has been no substantial penetration in religious institutions.

Our representatives who have spoken on this subject have been unmistakably clear on this point. In this respect I am enclosing an address, given by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, on this topic, along with other material that you may desire to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Christianity Today Series
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
4-17-61 Statement re Internal Security
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Sullivan's Speech of 2-22-61

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No information of a derogatory nature could be located in Bufiles identifiable
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Church and Religious News

FBI: Wide Communist Infiltration in Churches a 'Falsehood'

Once again charges of Communistic infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By LOUIS CASSELS,
United Press International.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Discredit Leadership.

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nour-

ished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Charge Is 'Falsehood.'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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June 1, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attached is copy of article published in the
New York World-Telegram.

What I would be very interested in learning,
Mr. Hoover, is whether you or Mr. Sullivan made the
exact statements mentioned in this article.

If so, what is meant by "not achieved any
substantial success in exerting domination, control,
or influence"? Does this mean to convey that the
Communists have infiltrated the churches, but not
wide-spread.

If the Communists are in the churches now only
in a small way, could not this Communist influence
become wide-spread very easily? This is very feasible
when considering that a very large majority of the
American citizens are alarmingly uninformed as to the
methods and tactics of the Communist conspiracy.

I would greatly appreciate your comments.

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Los Angeles 4, California

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June 9, 1961

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Los Angeles 4, California

Dear [Redacted]:

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Your letter dated June 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write to me.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion on communism dealt with this subject with all possible objectivity, candor and accuracy.

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I am enclosing a copy of the tenor of remarks of Mr. Sullivan's speech delivered February 22, 1961, in Cincinnati, Ohio, together with some additional material dealing with communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4) Communism and Religion (W.C. Sullivan)
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61
One Nation's Response To Communism

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June 5th, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RELIGION

I am very much concerned over many accusations appearing in print and also on radio broadcasts relative to the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches filtrated with Communists. The use of the FBI reports as their basis of information has come up from time to time.

Altho' one is alerted to the fact that Communists are able to place their members in so many organizations and the churches as well does not label that organization or church Communistic.

If you have available reports proving or disproving that Protestant Ministers are Communists, or any information relative to the Air Force Manual which carried accusations, I most certainly would appreciate your forwarding same to me.

As a church goer, ^{the church} it hurts to hear these accusations from time to time that ~~it~~ is all communistic, and yet I am not too narrow minded to realize how they ^{could} creep in or make tools of our church people by having or creating dissention among them - that is in itself playing into the hands of the Communists.

Thank you for your cooperation in the above.

Very truly yours.

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[Redacted]
Albany, Oregon

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter dated June 5, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the internal security of the United States, I am enclosing two items of literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party (100-50869).

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The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization. Many inquiries have been received regarding communist infiltration of this organization. (100-231551)

The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

"One Nation's Response to Communism."

Director's Statement on Internal Security,
4-17-61.

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June 15, 1961

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[Redacted]

Chula Vista, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of June 10, with enclosure, has been received. appreciate your kind sentiments and expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau, and I welcome this opportunity to comment on Mr. Cassels' article.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In response to your other question, the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it is not possible for me to comment as you requested, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, as well as some other material on communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

**Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
Director's Statement Re Internal Security 4-17-61
Introduction 3-60 LEB & 17th Natl Convention CP, USA
Series from "Christianity Today."**

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. She enclosed a leaflet containing a reprint of Mr. Louis Cassels' recent United Press International article. Edgar Bundy is Chairman of the Church League of America, which has not been investigated by the Bureau. Bundy is a former Baptist minister, claims to have been a major in Air Force Intelligence. He lectures on communism and is the subject of a closed Impersonation case.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Communist Infiltration Into Religion

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Have you read "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy? I would appreciate knowing, -- Is Mr. Bundy telling the truth, yes or no?

We appreciate all that you are doing in the F.B.I. to help our country. We feel you are doing a marvelous job, and we are glad you are in your position as head of the F.B.I. to keep our country free. We feel California is deeply infiltrated with communists.

I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible. Thank you.

yours sincerely,

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JUN 20 1961

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FBI: WIDE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
IN CHURCHES A "FALSEHOOD"

BY LOUIS CASSELS
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

NO RATIONAL PERSON CAN BE A SINCERE CHRISTIAN AND A SINCERE COMMUNIST. COMMUNISTS KNOW THIS. THAT IS WHY THEY PERSECUTE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES—SOMETIMES OPENLY SOMETIMES SUBTLY—IN EVERY POWER, FROM RUSSIA TO CUBA.

IN FREE NATIONS LIKE AMERICA, COMMUNISTS CANNOT SUPPRESS THE CHURCHES BUT MUST THINK OF OTHER TACTICS.

UNDOUBTLY THEY HAVE TRIED IN THE PAST TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES BY HAVING DISGUISED COMMUNISTS WORK THEIR WAY UP TO LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY IN THE CLERGY.

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT THIS IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A COMMUNIST TO POSE CONVINCINGLY AS A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN EVEN FOR THE SPACE OF ONE CONVERSATION, LET ALONE THROUGH THE LONG YEARS OF SEMINARY STUDY AND PULPIT SERVICE REQUIRED OF ANY MAN WHO BECOMES AN INFLUENTIAL LEADER IN U.S. CHURCH LIFE.

DISCREDIT LEADERSHIP

ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FAILED TO INFILTRATE THE CHURCHES IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE COMMUNISTS LIKE IT WHEN CHARGES ARE MADE THAT THEY ACTUALLY HAVE DONE SO.

THE COMMUNISTS KNOW THAT IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF AMERICAN FEELING, THERE IS NO SURER WAY OF DISCREDITING THE LEADERSHIP IN CHURCHES AND OF SOWING CONFUSION AND DISCORD AMONG THEIR LAY MEMBERS THAN FOR THE SUSPICION TO BE NOURISHED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN ARE SECRET SUPPORTERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR CONSPIRACY.

YOU MAY THINK ALL THIS FAR FETCHED. BUT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DOES NOT.

FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER THAT SELF-APPOINTED "VIGILANTES" MAY IN THE NAME OF ANTI-COMMUNISM, PLAY INTO THE COMMUNISTS' HANDS.

DURING THE PAST WEEKS, MR. HOOVER HAS SENT FBI CHIEF INSPECTOR WM. C. SULLIVAN TO DELIVER SPEECHES IN MANY PARTS OF THE NATION, WARNING AMERICANS NOT TO BE TAKEN

IN BY CHARGES THAT THEIR CHURCHES ARE OVERRUN WITH REDS.

CHARGE OF FALSEHOOD

"THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE SERVED TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION AMONG MANY AMERICANS THAT THE PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ALARMING INFILTRATION AND INFLUENCE," MR. SULLIVAN SAYS.

"BUT THIS IS A PATENT FALSEHOOD. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS NOT ACHIEVED ANY SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS IN EXERTING DOMINATION, CONTROL OR INFLUENCE OVER AMERICA'S CLERGYMEN OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ON A NATIONAL SCALE."

MR. SULLIVAN IS NOT MAKING THIS STATEMENT ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HE IS SPEAKING WITH THE FULL APPROVAL AND PERSONAL BACKING OF MR. HOOVER. AND THE FBI DIRECTOR HAS SO INFORMED A NUMBER OF AMATEUR COMMUNIST HUNTERS, WHO WROTE TO HIM PROTESTING MR. SULLIVAN'S SPEECHES.

"THE MOST INTERESTING REACTION," AN FBI OFFICIAL TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, "HAS BEEN FROM THE COMMUNISTS. THEY ARE VERY UPSET BY MR. SULLIVAN'S REMARKS."

"THEY LOVE TO HAVE WILD CHARGES OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION HURLED AGAINST AMERICA'S CHURCHES. THEY KNOW THAT SUCH CHARGES CAUSE CONSTERNATION, DISSENTION, DOUBT AND FEAR AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS. AND THEY FIGURE THAT ANYONE WHO SUCCEEDS IN DEMORALIZING AMERICA'S CHURCHES IS AIDING THEIR CAUSE."

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The Community Presbyterian Church

A FRIENDLY CHURCH IN A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
FAIRVIEW, MONTANA

June 19, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Communism Religion

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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Several weeks ago I noted an item in a local paper to the effect that a Mr. Sullivan (William C. Sullivan), a Chief Inspector in the FBI, has been sent on a speaking tour to various parts of the country warning groups not "to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds," as the article put it.

One of those making such charges [redacted] will be speaking this week in a nearby town. I should like to have some information from your office with which to meet his charges. Is there any publication of Mr. Sullivan's addresses available? If so, I should like a copy. Or perhaps your office could supply me with a letter confirming the article, which I enclose. (I should like to have it back.) Or perhaps there is some government publication which would deal with this matter.

I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your use in reply. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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June 21, 1961

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100-403529-203

Fairview, Montana

Dear [redacted]

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DATE 2/1/01 BY 3963EW/JAR/LK

Your letter of June 19, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In response to your request, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some literature pertaining to the general subject of communism. I am returning the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded, as well as the article which you enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan

Correspondent's newspaper article

Director's Statement re Internal Security 4-17-61

Series from "Christianity Today"

Correspondent's self-addressed, stamped envelope

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. He also enclosed a clipping of the recent United Press International article by Louis Cassels. Address of outgoing per correspondent's return envelope. Outgoing being sent Airmail in view of deadline.

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May 14/61

*Cominfil Religion*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 3/1/01 BY 3506 351w/14214

Dear sir;

Several weeks ago I read an article written by a Louis Cassell, pertaining to a Mr. Sullivan of the F.E.I. and his remarks about the infiltration of the churches by the Communist Party. There is something about this story that does not ring true, especially after noting your remarks at various times pertaining to the infiltration of the churches. I have also read a considerable amount of the testimony of Joseph Zack Kornfedder, Leonard Patterson, Manning Johnson, all Ex.Feds. They all have mentioned the part that so called religious leaders have played in the red movement,

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I will ask this question, Why was Sullivan sent out to make speeches on this subject? Was he or is he covering up for somebody?

I am not so gullible as to swallow all things that I read or am told, I like to get information from both sides, and I am not going to point a finger and say that person is a Communist unless I am able to get on a witness stand under oath and produce documentation that is foolproof. But by the same token when one reads church publications and notes names Etc, of known leftists one can only wonder, Why,

Yours truly

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DATE 3/1/01 BY 35063 EIW/JAR/2

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter postmarked June 14 has been received, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to exert their influence in every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject both objectively and accurately.

In the event they may be of assistance, I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent. Joseph Zack Kornfedder, Leonard Patterson and Manning Johnson have all testified before various governmental agencies in connection with CP matters, [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]
Santa Barbara, Calif.
June 11, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

Coming of Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am one of the conservatives alarmed by Louis Cassels release of April 29 claiming you have authorized Inspector Sullivan in speeches throughout the nation to deny charges the Communists are critically infiltrating the National Council of Churches.

On my part I thought the day would never come when I would send a critical letter to J. Edgar Hoover.

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I can only trust the situation isn't what Dr. E. C. Blake claims it to be.

It certainly isn't for me to tell you about national security. Moreover this isn't a partisan matter. However, I would certainly like you to know my prayers for you. There are few men on whose vigilance, will power, alertness the fate of our nations depends.

I am one of a conservative group. Let me say that in our last meeting we had a round of prayer for you in particular. This was the longest, the most moving item on our agenda. *C*

You have been a bulwark to us in the past. Do not fail us now.

Yours with prayer in Christ

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Santa Barbara, Calif.
June 11, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Headquarters
Washington, D. C.

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John

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June 21, 1961

[Redacted Address]

Santa Barbara, California

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of June 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I wish to thank you sincerely for your prayers and kind remarks.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
God and Country or Communism?
4-17-61 statement re internal security
One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Bufiles reflect that in 1946 Dr. Eugene Carson Blake urged representatives of American and Russian churches to visit each other. He visited Russia in 1956 with other clergymen. In 1959 he charged the House Committee on Un-American Activities had abused the rights of many witnesses. In January, 1959, he urged all possible communication with communist political leaders and people they ruled. No investigation has been conducted on him.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC.

GLoucester, MASS.

June 13, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. *O. RELIGION*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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In last Sunday's PILOT, which is the Catholic paper for the ArchDiocese of Boston, there was a headline stating that you had made the statement that the churches had not been infiltrated by the Communists. However, by reading further in the small print, I noted that you did not make such a flat statement, but the column is so written so as to intimate that there are very few Communists either in the priesthood or ministry in our churches.

I am writing to ask you to furnish me with a copy of the speech which you made before the Baptists so that I may correct the impression given by the PILOT if same is erroneous.

I have a record put out by the Circuit Riders which indicates that there are many thousands of preachers affiliated with many communist fronts and I also know from the philosophy expounded in many Catholic magazines that we have our share of these party liners.

I realize that you do not give out data or specific information, but I am interested in acquiring a correct interpretation of your speech.

Thanking you for your wonderful services over the years to our country, I am

Yours sincerely,

JUN 23 1961

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June 22, 1961

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[Redacted Address]

Gloucester, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of June 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

You are possibly referring to the speech made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan on February 22, 1961, at Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding communism and religion. I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's speech, as well as other material dealing with the general subject of subversion which may be of interest.

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Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. We have had cordial relations with the "Pilot." Assistant Director Sullivan has advised that correspondent is possibly referring to the above-mentioned speech as it was mentioned in the "Pilot." Circuit Riders, Incorporated, is an organization of laymen of the Methodist Church whose objective is to combat communism in the Church. It has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. Per DeLoach to Mohr memo dated 3-3-61, Myers Lowman, its head, called SOG on that day and made an emotional objection to a speech previously given by Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan. Lowman was informed that Sullivan was speaking with the full experience and background of facts concerning communist matters known to the Bureau and Sullivan was in no manner incorrect in any statements made.

Recommendation was made and approved that we should hold Lowman at arms length as we have done in the past since he is perfectly capable of misquoting the Bureau and issuing misleading statements.

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June 26, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, The Federal Bureau
of Investigation.

Dear Mr. Hoover,
(100-403529-189)
Your kind response to
my letter in the person
of your agent is sincerely
appreciated. EX-114 no ack
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The trust that we
have duly inspired your
silent service to thoroughly
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investigate our suspicions.

Be assured of
remembrance in our prayers
and works for your
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God bless and prosper
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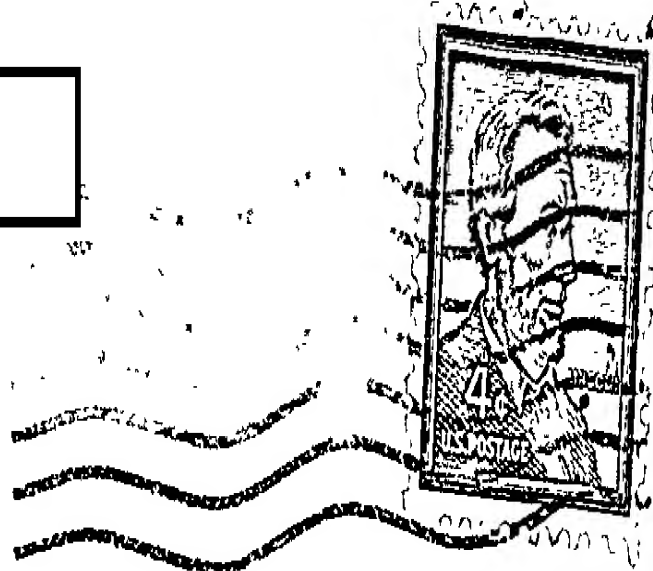
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, The Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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June 22, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RELIGION

In our church bulletin of May 28, 1961 - St. Stephen's Church, Coconut Grove, Florida - there appeared the following:

FBI Warns Against Believing Churches are Red-Infiltrated:

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed vigilantes, worried about Communists in American pulpits, may be playing into Communist hands.

During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds. "These allegations have served to create the impression among Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own

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authority. He is speaking with the full approval and backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote him protesting Sullivan's speeches. "The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissent, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

The above has bothered me more than a little. I somehow feel that there was more to the report than just this, that should have been printed. Would it be possible to secure a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech in its entirety?

It was through your bulletin - "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals" that I became intensely interested in studying all about Communism, and what we can do about it. I have been attending classes, sponsored by the Dade Coalition and attended the Greater Miami School of Anti-Communism sponsored by Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and Local Citizens' Committee, where I heard such speakers as Dr. Fred Schwarz, Dr. J. Drakeford, Herbert Philbrick, and Adm. Chester Ward.

I have tried to get classes started at church - St. Stephen's - Episcopal. Instead they have just started two classes, studying the Old Testament. There is nothing wrong with that, but I do feel that we should be trying to get the people aroused enough

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to really find out what is going on - that there is a real menace. I feel strongly that an aroused, informed America can stop the Red Menace, but it will take prayer and work too. Since the above article appeared in the bulletin, our church members sit back complacently and feel everything's alright. The members weren't urged to go the School of Anti-Communism, as they were in many of the churches in greater Miami.

I know you are a busy man, and probably won't even have time to read this letter. But, if possible, I would like to have a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech.

In closing, May I say that every night I thank God that we have you and the F.B.I. During the years I have lived - sixty - I have seen leaders, presidents come and go, praised and criticized, but you stand alone in that I have never heard the slightest criticism of you - nothing but praise.

I realize we must have a spiritual awakening, and we must pray and pray, but I feel kinda like the song in World War II, written by a preacher - "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

With every good wish, and may God bless and keep you!

Sincerely,

Aileen A. Link (Mrs. H.W.)
701 Camels ave.
Coral Gables 34, Florida

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Mrs. H. W. Link
701 Camilo Avenue
Coral Gables 34, Florida

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DATE 3/1/92 BY 35063 ELM/LLK

Dear Mrs. Link: Aileen A

I have received your letter of June 22 and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and I agree with you wholeheartedly that patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to the comments appearing in your church bulletins, I would like to assure you that Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech as you requested.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Communism & Religion by Asst. Dir. Sullivan

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of Mrs. Aileen Link or Mrs. H. W. Link. Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Frederick C. Schwartz

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Letter to Mrs. Link

NOTE CONT. and others affiliated with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Sullivan to Belmont memo of 9-22-60 indicates that when a representative of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in September (which sponsored a school communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz,) the Agent commented that Schwarz made several "Pitches" for articles in a book he had written on communism and his publications were displayed. Neither he nor his organization has been investigated by the Bureau. At the present time, we are discouraging the distribution of material of this organization and those affiliated with it.

[Redacted]
Port Salerno, Florida
June 23, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Here is an article (reprint) from the April 29, 1961 Palm Beach Times which I would like to ask about. First, is this Mr. William C. Sullivan employed by the FBI? Did the FBI send him around the country to make such speeches as this article states, telling that the churches have not been infiltrated by Communism to any degree? Did he have the personal backing by you in making the statements as he has made in this article? Has there been any wild charges as this article suggests been made or hurled against the churches to any degree as this article states? I would like as much information on this as you can furnish as when I tried to inform a friend of mine about Communist infiltration in the churches she brot me this article to refute all that I had tried to tell her. I am trying to fight communism in any way I can so I need all the information I can get and some with your personal signature would serve to convince her. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Port Salerno, Florida

Dear [redacted]

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DATE 3/11/01 BY 3506 JET/LLH

Your letter of June 23, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's speech as well as other material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, in addition to the enclosure which you requested be returned to you.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

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Enclosures
Communism and Religion
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
Correspondent's enclosure
4-17-61 Internal Security statement

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. She enclosed a reprint from the "Palm Beach Times" dated 4-29-61 concerning Louis Cassels' article regarding communist attempt to infiltrate churches. Her inquiry concerning whether there has been any wild charges made against the churches as this article states is being intentionally ignored.

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June 30, 1961

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Mississippi Methodist Advocate
The Methodist Building
Post Office Box 1093
Jackson, Mississippi

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Dear [Redacted]:

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Your letter of June 21, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. The interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Certainly, any remarks made by me or any other representative of this Bureau should not be interpreted as either an endorsement or criticism of any specific group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, we do not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

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Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of this Bureau recently spoke on this subject, and I am enclosing an outline of his remarks which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
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Enclosure:

Communism and Religion by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent and no derogatory information regarding her publication. "Circuit Riders" is a group of laymen within the Methodist Church organized for the purpose of combating communism. We have been very circumspect in dealings with this organization since its head, Myers Lowman, has been found to be capable of misquoting the Bureau and issuing misleading statements. It is noted that on 3-3-61, Lowman called the Bureau and vigorously objected to a speech which had been given by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan.

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Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet issued by "The Independent American," New Orleans, Louisiana, which alleged the presence of communist sympathizers within church groups and which was highly critical of the National Council of Churches. It quoted the Director's remarks regarding the efforts of communists to infiltrate our churches. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding "The Independent American." The stated purpose of this group is to combat socialistic and communist influences through the establishment of a political organization based on the principal of constitutional states rights.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant Churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC.

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Dear Sir:

Our church is the victim of the most vicious kind of attack. Since the respected name of J. Edgar Hoover is used to convince our people that the church is dominated by communism, and since the State Sovereignty Commission uses our tax funds to import people to discredit the church and to poison the minds of our youth against the church, there is little we can do.

Such "documents" as 2,109 Methodist ministers by Circuit Riders, Inc., state that 2,109 Methodist ministers are communist sympathizers; yet, our own study of this "official document" reveals that there are only 545 names actually listed--not 2,109. And of the more than 500 subversive organizations to which they are supposed to belong, we find that only 55 are actually on the Attorney General's list. We find, also, that more than 200 names listed as Methodist ministers are not in the General Minutes of the church which lists all active and retired ministers.

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Our study further reveals that the entire "document" is false; but when we defend the church, the National Council of Churches and the humanitarian agencies of the United Nations such as UNICEF; we are immediately branded as subversive and pressure is brought to bear on our people to withhold support from the church and her agencies, including this paper.

The appeals on radio to "buy their document and learn the truth," are convincing. Enclosed is a sample, with your name and statements freely used as authority for their allegations. All we can do is "turn the other cheek" and try to carry out the command of the Lord to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you."

This is a very serious matter and we wonder if TRUTH will have to be really crushed before the menace is dealt with.

Very truly yours, 16

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ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM IS SUBVERTING THE CHURCHES

It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being now-
ished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Many
Communist fronts have operated under the guise of
some church commission or religious body.

— J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

In his book, "Masters of Deceit," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated: "A dedicated clergyman, being a man of God, is a mortal enemy of Communism. But if he can, by conversion, influence, or trickery, be made to support the Communist program once, or a few times, or many times, the Party gains. If, for example, a clergyman can be persuaded to serve as sponsor or officer of a Communist front, to issue a testimonial, or to sign a clemency petition for a Communist 'victim of persecution,' his personal prestige lends weight to the cause. The church, in Communist eyes, is an 'enemy institution' to be infiltrated, subverted, and bent to serve Party aims."

HOW MANY RED SYMPATHIZERS IN THE CHURCHES?

According to J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Gallup Poll in 1951 made a nationwide canvass of the radical views of clergymen. According to this Gallup Poll, 88% of the clergy expressed the view that "it is impossible to be a good Christian and a member of the Communist Party."

Dr. Matthews then asked the question: "What about the 12%, or 30,000, of the Protestant clergy who were either unable, or refused to affirm the complete irreconcilability of Christianity on the one hand, and the Communist conspiracy on the other hand?"

And Dr. Matthews continued: "I confess that I find something alarming in the situation that finds 30,000 confused Protestant clergymen ministering to the minds and morals of the more than 6½ million members of their congregations."

In July, 1953, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Manning Johnson, a former member of the Communist Party, stated:

It is an axiom in Communist organization strategy that if an infiltrated body has 1% Communist Party members and 9% Communist Party sympathizers, with well-rehearsed plans of action, they can effectively

control the remaining 90% who act and think on an individual basis. In the large sections of the religious field, due to the ideological poison which has been filtered in by Communists and pro-Communists through seminaries, the backlog of sympathizers and mental prisoners of socialistic ideology is greater than the 10 percent necessary for effective control.

COMMUNIST CLERGYMEN

During the hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1953, Joseph Zack Kornfeder, an ex-Communist, gave valuable information to the committee exposing Communist infiltration in the churches. Mr. Kornfeder estimated that there are up to 600 members of the Communist Party among the clergy in America. Mr. Kornfeder then testified that the Communist Party utilizes four means of infiltrating the field of religion:

- (1) The planting of Communists among the clergy...;
- (2) The channeling of Communist clergymen into seminaries where they can train future clergymen who will preach to multiplied thousands;
- (3) The reinterpreting of the Bible in such a way as to support the materialist philosophy of Communism...;
- and
- (4) The organizing of "social action" groups of socialist-minded clergymen, who then lead segments of congregations into such political activity as will serve the ultimate purposes of the Communist Party.

In 1960, Matt Cvetic stated: "Many American clergymen and church laymen are not aware that the Reds have a well worked-out plan for the infiltration of our churches and church organizations. This infiltration is planned by a secret group of high-level Red agents, labeled the 'Clergical Commission of the Communist Party.' This Red 'commission' is composed of Soviet agents and American Reds, posing as ministers, preachers and priests, who have fallen away from the church and joined the Communist Party. How do I know about the existence of this Red 'Clergical Commission'? I have reason to know only too well — because in 1945, while posing as a Communist for the FBI, I was a member of this Red Commission."

WHY ARE THE REDS AFTER OUR CHURCHES?

The churches of America have, in the past, formed an invulnerable bastion of morality, opposing atheism and all evil. As such, they were able to imbue moral courage and integrity in the citizens of this nation.

In this connection, Joseph Zack Kornfeder, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States stated in 1952:

When the Communists invade religion, they invade, as Stalin once said, "the ideological fortress of the enemy." If they should succeed with their deceptive methods to confuse religion to such an extent that it, too, will be neutral in the fight between Capitalism and Communism, they will have scored a tremendous victory. Only two years ago, a great international association of churches adopted a resolution declaring the churches to be neutral in the struggle between Capitalism and Communism. If religion, as the very foundation of civilization, is made impotent to the extent that the church declares itself neutral in this, the biggest, most important struggle of our century, then indeed there is much to worry about.

THE STRANGE RECORD OF THE N.C.C.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (referred to hereinafter as the NCC) was organized in 1950 as a merger of the old Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and seven smaller religious organizations.

The DAN SMOOT REPORT of Feb. 29, 1960, in discussing the formation of the National Council of Churches in 1950, states: "The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council. Indeed, the Federal Council Bulletin for Dec., 1950, officially announced that 'all the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices.'"

And what is the background of the old Federal Council of Churches, which has now assumed the new name of "National Council of Churches"? The Office of Naval Intelligence of the United States Navy Department, in a report which was read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Sept. 10, 1935, stated:

Organizations which, while not openly advocating the "force and violence" principles of the Communists, give aid and comfort to the Communist movement and party. Among the strongest of these organizations is the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This is a large radical pacifist organization. It probably represents 20 million Protestants (as of 1961, 39 million) in the United States. However its leadership consists of a small, radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against national defense.

Dr. J. B. Matthews, a leading authority on Communist infiltration of religion, has stated that when the Federal Council of Churches became the National Council of Churches on Nov. 29, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, "there were 358 clergymen who were voting delegates to the constituting convention. Of these clergymen, 123 (or 34%) have had affiliations with Communist projects and enterprises."

DUPES OF THE REDS

A pamphlet entitled "The Communist Party of the United States of America — What It Is and How It Works," published by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956, states:

A fellow traveler may be defined as an individual who, from time to time supports one or more organizations or campaigns operating under the indirect, and usually unpublicized initiative and control of the Communist Party, or its representatives.

Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, has published a compilation of public records listing the names of 2,109 Methodist ministers, 1,411 Protestant Episcopal rectors, and 614 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., clergymen who have at one time or another been associated with activities which have benefited the Communists, or supported causes actively advocated by the Communists. The three church denominations mentioned above are among the 34 member organizations of the NCC.

HOW MANY RED-FRONTIERS IN THE N.C.C.?

One of the most salutary effects of the uproar in 1960 over the Air Force Training Manual which included a section dealing with Communism in religion was that it enabled the House Committee on Un-American Activities to again conduct hearings regarding the extent of Communist infiltration in the field of religion. On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Arens, Staff Director of the HCUA, during questioning of Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp, stated:

...the chairman (of the HCUA) issued a statement that the... National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America (the NCC) had... over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there was infiltration of fellow travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement.

One of the leading figures in the Federal Council of Churches, which became, in 1950, the National Council of Churches, was Dr. Harry F. Ward. The House Committee on Un-American Activities has identified Dr. Harry F. Ward as a member of the Communist Party. This identification was established on the basis of sworn testimony of numerous witnesses during the 1953 hearings.

Space does not permit any lengthy discussion of the record of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, a member of the board of the Federal Council, one of the most active pro-

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motors of the new National Council of Churches, and one of the board members.⁵ However, Circuit Riders, Inc., lists Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as having been associated with 43 organizations, petitions or campaigns which served the cause of Communism, according to public records.⁴

Another prominent figure in the NCC is its immediate past president, Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg. Mr. Dahlberg, according to Fulton Lewis, Jr., was affiliated, as early as 1942, with the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, an organization cited on the Attorney General's list as Communist and subversive.⁶

HUMAN EVENTS Newsletter of Dec. 14, 1957, quotes material from the files of NATIONAL REPUBLIC Magazine listing 11 organizations and activities serving the cause of Communism in which Mr. Dahlberg participated. Of these, 3 of the 11 have been officially cited as Communist fronts.

On the floor of the House, Mar. 3, 1960, former Congressman Donald L. Jackson of California read portions of the Air Force Training Manual dealing with the subject "Communism in Religion," in which it was stated:

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications. In its own brochure, the National Council of Churches listed the names of the Revision Committee and the Advisory Board. Among these were Walter Russell Bowie of Grace Church, New York; Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard University; George Dahl of Yale University; . . . and Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan.

On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, inserted into the record of the hearings, the number of affiliations with Communist fronts and causes of the four NCC leaders named above: Walter Russell Bowie - 33, Henry J. Cadbury - 9, George Dahl - 18, and Leroy Waterman - 20.

N.C.C. UNDER ATTACK BY MEMBER CHURCHES

The National Council of Churches, which for many years had been considered above criticism, now finds itself faced with an increasing number of critical resolutions or actual resignations by member churches.

In February, 1960, according to the DAN SMOOT REPORT, the Special Study Committee of the First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas (one of the largest in the American Baptist Convention, which is a member of the NCC),

recommended that the First Baptist Church withdraw financial support from the American Baptist Convention because of its affiliation with the National Council of Churches. The Committee's report expressed concern about the alleged Communist-front activities of various officials in the NCC. It specifically criticized the National Council for advocating American diplomatic recognition of Red China.

In February, 1961, Rev. Curtis M. Nims resigned from the board of directors of the Regional Council (of the NCC) for Northern California and Nevada. Dr. Nims stated that he resigned because of the National Council of Churches' criticism of the anti-Communist film, entitled "Operation Abolition", of the 1960 San Francisco student riots. (Dr. Nims was an eye-witness to the Communist-inspired student riots). Also Dr. Nims' church, the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, severed all connection with the NCC.⁷

On April 23, 1961, the Vestry of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Shreveport, La., passed a resolution calling for the withdrawal of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States from the National Council of Churches of Christ. In its report, the Vestry Committee stated:

The NCC has far exceeded its rightful role in speaking out as the official voice of Protestantism in America on such controversial issues as Federal Aid to Education, the Right-to-Work laws, the ethical considerations of the steel dispute, the seating of Red China in the United Nations, etc. The NCC, although not Communistic, has been an aid to the Communist conspiracy . . . We conclude with firm conviction, and only after long study and prayer, that the National Council of Churches as it is presently constituted and operated, is a harmful and highly dangerous institution.

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1. Peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union.
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4. Abolish loyalty oaths.
5. Abolish all investigative committees on Communism.
6. Recognition of Red China.
7. U. S. Foreign Aid to Communist satellite nations.
8. Destroy American patriotism.

National Council of Churches spokesmen claim to represent 39 million Protestants. Is your church a member of the NCC? Does the NCC speak for you when they issue public statements endorsing Socialist-Communist objectives and support "soft-on-Communism" legislation?

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If your church is not a member of the NCC, buy copies of this pamphlet and distribute to friends whose churches belong to the NCC. Every citizen of the United States, regardless of religious affiliation, will be directly affected if the above Communist goals are achieved!

If your church is a member of the NCC, buy and distribute copies of this pamphlet to all of your lay officials and members of the congregation. Suggest that a fact-finding committee be appointed, made up of leading members of your local church to examine the "soft-on-Communism" pronouncements of the NCC. Help to inform members of other churches within the NCC.

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